

**PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 9, 2012**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Nau opened the meeting at 6:02 p.m. Committee Members present: Katrine Nau, Denise McDowall Seyko, Renee Rossman, Eugene Earney, Planning Commission Liaison Scott Marotz and City Council Liaison Mike Wallen (arrived at 6:16 p.m.). Also Present: Public Works Director Michael Goebel. Those Absent: Committee Member Janae Stern.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Committee Member Earney motioned to accept the November 14, 2011 Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Committee Member Nau, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3A. DISCUSS RIVER OAKS PARK

Public Works Director Goebel stated the trees are ordered for the park. Committee Member McDowall Seyko stated that the McDowall Family is interested in donating approximately 1.8 acres of land adjacent to the park.

3B. UPDATE ON BIG LAKE SPORTS ASSOCIATION PROPOSAL ON BASEBALL STADIUM

A letter from the Big Lake Sports Association that was presented to the City Council was reviewed. The City Council directed the Parks Committee to continue working with the Big Lake Sports Association towards developing a baseball stadium. At this time the City is not prepared to commit financially. Discussion followed.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

Public Works Director Goebel informed the Committee that Northern Star Apartment Complex which is a two phase project is requesting to pay half of the total Park Dedication Fee, which is \$76,000.00 for the first phase. Discussion followed.

It was discussed to have an update in the City's Newsletter and possibly the West Sherburne Tribune regarding updates on City Parks.

5. STAFF UPDATE

5A. APPOINT CHAIR

Committee Member McDowall Seyko made a motion to recom-mend Katrine Nau to serve as Chair on the Park Advisory Committee. Seconded by Committee Member Rossman, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

5B. APPOINT VICE CHAIR

Committee Member Earney made a motion to appoint Janae Stern as Vice Chair. Seconded by Committee Member McDowall Seyko, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6A. SPECIAL DATES –

TREE PLANTING RIVER OAKS PARK – April 28th (RAIN DAY-MAY 5TH)

LUPUS BENEFIT – MAY 19TH

GRANITEMAN TRIATHLON BIG LAKE – AUGUST 4TH

The Park Committee reviewed the upcoming dates for 2012 special projects.

Committee Member Nau stated she is interested in hosting a family event on May 5th for an outdoor activities clinic. She would like to partner with other organizations for this event.

7. ADJOURN

Committee Member Earney motioned to adjourn at 6:39 p.m. Seconded by Planning Commission Liaison Marotz, unanimous ayes, motion carried.