

**PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 3, 2014**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Katrine Nau opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Committee Members Present: Katrine Nau, Janae Stern, David Schreiber, Paul Winters and Planning Commission Liaison Scott Marotz. Also Present: Public Works Director Michael Goebel. Those Absent: Committee Members Denise McDowall Seyko, Beverly Anderson, Renee Rossman and City Council Liaison Nick Christenson.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Committee Member Winters made a motion to approve the October 14, 2014 Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Committee Member Schreiber, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3A. DISCUSS WINTERFEST

Chair Nau stated she is experiencing difficulty getting organizations/committees to commit to Winterfest. It was noted that the Big Lake Jaycee's fishing contest has been cancelled due to lack of volunteers. Chair Nau suggested focusing on local organizations for help with Winterfest, such as Jaycee's or Lions helping with a fishing activity. The Big Lake Spud Fest Committee is still interested in helping with an activity along with the snowmobile club.

In review of scheduled activities, the band is booked, we will have a sliding hill and there will be snowmobiling. Big Lake Spud Fest is thinking of softball. The boy scouts will be present for help.

Committee Member Winters spoke with Eric from McPete's who said he would do ice bowling. Committee Member Winters will call him back to confirm the commitment.

Discussion followed regarding exploring the idea of a polar plunge and ice hockey games for younger children with the Big Lake Hockey Association. Planning Commission Liaison Marotz will check into this further.

Sherburne County Water Rescue was notified of the date for Winterfest.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

Public Works Director Goebel informed the Committee that a grant was written for a MN DOT program for a trail/sidewalk from the City to Lions Park in Big Lake Township. The grant includes the tunnel in River Oaks Park.

Public Works Director Goebel informed the Committee that the Parks budget is at \$80,000.00.

5. STAFF UPDATE

6. NEW BUSINESS

7. ADJOURN

Committee Member Stern motioned to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. Seconded by Committee Member Schreiber, unanimous ayes, motion carried.