

**PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 4, 2013**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Nau opened the meeting at 7:01 p.m. Committee Members Present: Katrine Nau, Janae Stern, Denise McDowall Seyko, Renee Rossman, Bev Anderson, David Schreiber and City Council Liaison Nick Christenson. Also Present: Public Works Director Michael Goebel. Those Absent: Committee Member Eugene Earney and Planning Commission Liaison Scott Marotz.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Committee Member Stern motioned to approve the October 15, 2013 Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Chair Nau, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3A. DISCUSS WINTER "GET OUTDOORS EVENT".

The following activities/organizations have committed to Get Outdoors Event: dog sledding (could be a demonstration), Legacy Foundation (band), Snow Cruisers Snowmobile Club, ice fishing, snow shoeing and a warming tent (shed).

Other activities/organizations that are still being considered are: snowboarding, sledding, rescue demonstration/talk by the Fire Department, Girl Scouts doing snow painting/sculptures and broom hockey.

Advertising was discussed along with who will be contacting whom.

Chair Nau noted that Decembers Meeting is normally cancelled due to the Annual City of Big Lake Committees Workshop that is held in December. It was the consensus of the Board to not cancel the Park Advisory Committee Meeting on December 9, 2013.

Chair Nau called a Special Meeting for Tuesday, December 3, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in the Big Lake Council Chambers for the 12th Annual City of Big Lake Committees Workshop.

Public Works Director Goebel reviewed some items that will be needed for the Get Outdoors Event; outdoor toilets, hot chocolate, marshmallows, marshmallow sticks, wood, fire ring, electricity for the pop machine, microphone system (possibly),

4. OTHER BUSINESS

Public Works Director was contacted by the Lupus Foundation and they will not be holding a Family Fun Day this year. They are looking into different means of fund raising.

5. STAFF UPDATE - None

6. NEW BUSINESS

Discussion took place regarding the completion date of the new apartment complex by North Star.

Public Works Director informed the Board that the City was awarded \$8,000.00 from the Central Minnesota Arts Board and the proceeds will go towards Music in the Park.

Public Works Director Goebel also stated the City is still in the running for the SHIP Grant.

Public Works Director Goebel met with a Big Lake English Teacher regarding a program called Little Libraries. She is interested in writing a grant for funding the program and inquired if the libraries could be placed on City property which Public Works Director Goebel agreed to.

7. ADJOURN

Committee Member Sterns motioned to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Seconded by Committee Member Rossman, unanimous ayes, motion carried.