

**PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 10, 2014**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Nau opened the meeting at 7:15 p.m. Committee Members Present: Katrine Nau, Denise McDowall Seyko, Renee Rossman, Bev Anderson, David Schreiber, Planning Commission Liaison Scott Marotz and City Council Liaison Nick Christenson. Also Present: Public Works Director Michael Goebel. Those Absent: Committee Member Janae Stern.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Planning Commission Liaison Marotz motioned to approve the February 3, 2014 Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Committee Member Rossman, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3A. DISCUSS “WINTER GET OUTDOORS EVENT”

The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Winter Get Outdoors Event was held Saturday, February 8, 2014. Discussion followed regarding the outcome of the event. It was suggested that in the future all activities should be held down at the beach and more localized. Partnering with other groups and Committees was viewed successful and the need for more groups and Committees would be welcomed. Another suggestion was to hold the event throughout the entire weekend which could include a potato soup fest and various other new activities. It was mentioned the attendance was a little on the low side for the event. The consensus of the Committee was that the event was a success. Discussion was held to partner with the Big Lake Jaycees next year and hold the event when the Jaycees have their fishing contest. A motion was made by Committee Member McDowall Seyko to hold a weekend Winter Park Fest in 2015 and invite all interested groups and Committees to a planning meeting for this event. Seconded by Commission Liaison Marotz, unanimous ayes, motion carried. Further discussion was held.

The Park Board will be inviting one representative from the Big Lake Jaycees, Legacy Foundation and Spud Fest to attend a Committee Meeting regarding the Winter Park Fest in 2015 at the April 14, 2014 Park Advisory Committee Meeting. The Park Advisory Committee will inquire if they can hold the April 14, 2014 Committee Meeting at the Senior Citizen room at City Hall.

Committee Member Schreiber wrote a thank you letter that can be addressed to the various businesses, organizations, and Committees that helped at the Winter Get Outdoors Event and a letter to the West Sherburne Tribune. Chair Nau made a list of all participating organizations. The signed thank you letters will be left at City Hall for Committee Member’s to pick up and distribute. Committee Member Schreiber will send the letter to West Sherburne Tribune.

4. OTHER BUSINESS - None

5. STAFF UPDATE - None

6. NEW BUSINESS

6A. HOCKEY RINK ARENA

Planning Commission Liaison Marotz gave a brief summary of what the Hockey Board presented to Planning Commission Meeting. The Hockey Board shared that they are trying to get caught up on their taxes on their property in Marketplace and are seeking tax exempt status. An issue that they are encountering is they cannot get tax exempt without having a structure under use. The City Ordinance does not allow accessory use; they would have to build their arena or have the process in place. In order to do that they need a site plan and have it reviewed which they are not there yet. They could put in a hockey rink which would qualify provided they are a City or public entity. Discussion took place at the Planning Commission Meeting if it was possible legally for the Park Board to take possession of the land temporarily and transfer it back when the time came. They owe approximately over \$100,000.00 in back taxes. Other possible options were discussed at the Planning Commission Meeting. This will also be discussed at a Council Workshop. Discussion followed.

7. ADJOURN

Committee Member McDowall Seyko motioned to adjourn at 8:36 p.m. Seconded by Committee Member Schreiber, unanimous ayes, motion carried.