

**PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 10, 2014**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Nau opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m. Committee Members Present: Katrine Nau, Janae Stern, Denise McDowall Seyko, Renee Rossman, Planning Commission Liaison Scott Marotz and City Council Liaison Nick Christenson. Also Present: Public Works Director Michael Goebel and City Resident Brad Weber. Those Absent: Committee Members Beverly Anderson and David Schreiber.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Committee Member McDowall Seyko motioned to approve the February 10, 2014 Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Planning Commission Liaison Marotz, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

*Order of business was moved to 6A. DISCUSS LACROSS FIELDS*

6. NEW BUSINESS

6A. DISCUSS LACROSS FIELDS

City Resident Brad Weber shared that he has two sons involved in Lacrosse and is interested in bringing Lacrosse to Big Lake. There are two leagues, a spring and summer league. Mr. Weber inquired if there were any opportunities to paint a Lacrosse field in any of the City parks. There would only need to be a couple extra lines added to an existing soccer field to create a Lacrosse field. Discussion followed regarding practice times, availability of parking, length of spring and summer leagues, available green space and the land owned by the Hockey Association in Marketplace. It was the consensus of the Park Board to work with Mr. Weber in providing practice fields for Lacrosse in some City Parks.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3A. DISCUSS OPEN PARK BOARD POSITION

Public Works Director Goebel shared with the Park Board that he received an application for the open Park Board position. It was the consensus of the Board to hold the position open for a few more months.

3B. DISCUSS RIVER OAKS PARK IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Public Works Director Goebel informed the Board that the SHIP program is shifting gears and our improvement plan may not be established this year. Presently the Parks Committee has \$2,500.00 to start the improvement plan with and the remaining funds need to come from the Park Dedication Fund. Discussion followed. Committee Member Stern made a motion to have Bolton & Menk, Inc. start the concept plan for River Oaks

Park and stop when they've reached \$2,500.00. Seconded by Planning Commission Liaison Marotz, unanimous ayes, motion carried. Public Works Director Goebel will check to see if Bolton & Menk, Inc., could give the Board something in writing to review before we have the landscape architect from Bolton & Menk, Inc., travel to Big Lake.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

Public Works Director Goebel informed the Committee that the warming house for the skating rink is officially closed for the season.

5. STAFF UPDATE

Council Liaison Christenson informed the Committee that City Administrator Todd Bodem resigned.

7. ADJOURN

Committee Member Rossman motioned to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Seconded by Council Liaison Christenson, unanimous ayes, motion carried.