

**PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 12, 2012**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Stern opened the meeting at 6:04 p.m. Committee Members present: Janae Stern, Denise McDowall Seyko, Renee Rossman, Eugene Earney, Planning Commission Liaison Scott Marotz, Katrine Nau (arrived at 6:14 p.m.) and City Council Liaison Mike Wallen. Also Present: Public Works Director Michael Goebel.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Committee Member Rossman motioned to accept the February 13, 2012 Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Planning Commission Liaison Marotz, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3A. DISCUSS PROJECTS

City Council Liaison Wallen informed the Committee that a letter of interest was submitted to Fannie Mae in regards to the campground property on behalf of the City of Big Lake. There is no price listed on the property as of now. Discussion followed.

Public Works Director Goebel contacted the property owner of the 42.3 acres adjacent to the campground property. The property owner is open to selling part or all of his land. Sherburne County's assessment on the property is \$145,900.00. Discussion followed regarding grant writing and the possibility of hiring a grant writing specialist.

Public Works Director Goebel informed the Committee that when the ground thaws the Community Garden will be tilled. The garden site will be approximately 55 feet x 95 feet. The Community Garden information was posted on the City's web-site and in the ECFE brochure. Committee Member Nau will bring the information to Community Education for their publication. Applications for twenty garden sites will be accepted beginning March 19th.

Chair Nau is continuing to organize Outdoors Day at Lakeside Park on May 5, 2012. She was at the Expo and has made contacts with many organizations who have committed to the event. Discussion followed. Committee Member Stern made a motion to recommend to City Council to hold a "Get Outdoors Day" event at Lakeside Park on May 5, 2012 and to waive parking fees for participants. The event would run from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and would be held to promote outdoor activities. Seconded by Committee Member Rossman, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

4. OTHER BUSINESS - None

5. STAFF UPDATE - None

6. NEW BUSINESS - None

7. ADJOURN

Committee Member Rossman motioned to adjourn at 6:27 p.m. Seconded by
Planning Commission Liaison Marotz, unanimous ayes, motion carried.