

**PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 11, 2011**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Katrine Nau opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. Committee Members present: Katrine Nau, Denise McDowall Seyko, Janae Stern, Eugene Earney, Renee Rossman, Planning Commission Liaison Scott Marotz and City Council Liaison Mike Wallen. Also Present: Public Works Director Michael Goebel.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Committee Member Rossman motioned to accept the March 14, 2011 Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Planning Commission Liaison Marotz, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3A. REVIEW 2011 PROJECTS

Public Works Director Goebel stated that River Oaks Park is too wet to walk through this evening as previously planned. It is tentatively planned to meet at River Oaks Park during the May, 2011 Meeting.

The County Road 5 bridge replacement remains on schedule at this time

The City's web-site regarding the parks and trails is in progress. Completion should be in approximately two to three weeks. Presently there are no pictures of the parks on the web-site. Once the trees start to green up, pictures will be taken.

Public Works Director Goebel has contacted various companies in Minnesota in regards to the exercise equipment to be installed in Lakeside Park. The approximate cost per piece of equipment is \$3,000.00.

Public Works Director Goebel would like the Committee to inspect the playground equipment at Powell Park to see if there is a need to replace the equipment and if the Committee feels the equipment needs replacing, do they want to stay within the present boarder. The boarder also needs replacement so before work can begin the boarder dimension needs to be decided. Discussion followed.

There is a site by the water tower that is located on 198<sup>th</sup> Avenue that Public Works Director Goebel would like the Parks Committee to inspect for a possible Community Garden. This is City property with available parking and water. Discussion followed. Council Liaison Wallen will discuss the idea at a future Council Meeting for their input. Committee Member Stern will contact Sherburne County to see how they facilitate their Community Garden.

#### 4. OTHER BUSINESS

Discussion took place regarding naming the future park that will be located downtown at the intersection of Highway 10 and County Road 25. Committee Member Stern made a motion to name the park, Jefferson Square. Seconded by Committee Member Earney, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

Public Works Director Goebel updated the Committee about a County Park that will be developed in Clear Lake. The land was purchased five years prior at a very reasonable price and the park will not be developed right away.

#### 5. STAFF UPDATE – None

#### 6. NEW BUSINESS – None

Public Works Director Goebel advised the Committee that a slide in Mitchell Farms Park was vandalized. The approximate cost of damage is \$ 1,500.00.

The meeting was closed at 6:37 p.m. The meeting was reconvened by Chair Nau at Powell Park at approximately 6:47 p.m. The Board inspected the playground equipment at Powell Park and the boarder. Discussion followed. It is the consensus of the Board to replace both the boarder and the playground equipment. The Board will start researching equipment to be installed in Powell Park.

#### 7. ADJOURN

Committee Member McDowall Seyko motioned to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. in Powell Park. Seconded by Committee Member Earney, unanimous ayes, motion carried.