

**PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 14, 2014**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Stern opened the meeting at 7:01 p.m. Committee Members Present: Katrine Nau (arrived at approximately 7:11p.m. and left at approximately 7:30 p.m.), Janae Stern, Renee Rossman, David Schreiber, Planning Commission Liaison Scott Marotz and City Council Liaison Nick Christenson. Also Present: Public Works Director Michael Goebel, Lori Kampa of the Legacy Foundation, Mayor Raeanne Danielowski and Don Orrock with Big Lake Spud Fest, Anna Lloyd, Shannon Thell and Jennifer Roy of the Big Lake Jaycees and Tonya Reasoner of the Metro Big Lake Ice Board. Those Absent: Committee Members Beverly Anderson and Denise McDowall Seyko.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

3. OLD BUSINESS

3A. DISCUSS WINTER GET OUTDOORS DAY

Planning Commission Liaison Marotz shared with the group ideas the Parks Advisory Committee had regarding future Winter Get Outdoors Day Events in regards to making it a large weekend event and incorporating other group's participation. Discussion followed regarding dates, activities and fund raising. All Committees that are present will present the ideas to their Boards for discussion. It was the consensus of the Board to hold the May 12, 2014 Parks Advisory Committee Meeting at the Senior Citizen's Room at City Hall at 7:00 p.m. with all attending Committee's invited back for further discussion on Winter Get Outdoors Day.

3B. METRO BIG LAKE ICE BOARD

Representative Tonya Reasoner from the Metro Big Lake Ice Board shared with the Committee they own land in the Big Lake Marketplace with hopes of building a hockey rink on it in the future. They presently owe back taxes of approximately \$150,000.00 on the property that need to be settled and are looking for any help. Once the back taxes are settled the Metro Big Lake Ice Board can move forward filing for a 501(c) 3. Discussion followed. Due to the fact the property is located in a joint planning jurisdiction a meeting with both the City of Big Lake and Big Lake Township is set tentatively for Tuesday, April 29, 2014 for their input. A plan needs to be put in place by July 1, 2014 for the property tax benefit.

3C. DISCUSS RIVER OAKS PARK

Public Works Director Goebel informed the Board that City Council approved the Park Advisory Committee's recommendation to use the \$2,500.00 grant and Park Dedication

Funds to complete the River Oaks Park Design. Public Works Director Goebel will contact Bolton & Menk to schedule the starting of the plan and design.

3D. PARK COMMITTEE VACANCY – PAUL WINTERS APPLICANT

This item was tabled due to the applicant was unable to make the meeting.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

Committee Member Schreiber would like to have the Park Board look at his prairie garden at his residence. A meeting will be scheduled in the future at Committee Member Schreiber's residence.

5. STAFF UPDATE - none

6. NEW BUSINESS

6A. CLEAN UP DAY VOLUNTEER

The 2014 Clean Up Day event is scheduled on Saturday, May 3, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. A volunteer sign up handout was distributed for any Committee Members who would like to help out with the event.

6B. FARMERS MARKET – WEDNESDAYS FROM 3:00 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M. JUNE 4TH TO OCTOBER 8TH

Public Works Director Goebel informed the Committee of the Farmers Market. It will be held on Wednesday beginning June 4, 2014 through October 8, 2014.

6C. MUSIC IN THE PARK SCHEDULE

Public Works Director Goebel distributed a schedule from the Legacy Foundation for Music in the Park. Music in the Park is every Thursday from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. through June, July and August.

6D. GRANITEMAN “BIG LAKE” VOLUNTEER SIGN UP

A hand out was distributed to the Park Board for volunteers to sign up during the Graniteman “Big Lake” triathlon which will be held on August 9, 2014. The Legacy Foundation is heading up the volunteer project. Finances raised will be used for various community events throughout the year.

6E. COMMUNITY GARDENS

Public Works Director Goebel informed the Committee he is now taking applications for garden plots in the Community Garden. If enough applications are received a larger garden will be made.

6F. COMMUNITY ED EVENTS

Public Works Director Goebel informed the Committee of a few events that will be taking place through Community Education at Lakeside Park. There will be a canoe/kayaking class, a fishing class and a yoga class.

7. ADJOURN

Council Liaison Christenson motioned to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Seconded by Committee Member Rossman, unanimous ayes, motion carried.