

**PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 14, 2012**

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Committee Member Rossman motioned to accept the April 9, 2012 Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Committee Member Earney, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3A. DISCUSS PROJECTS

Public Works Director Goebel updated the Committee in regards to “Get Outdoors Day” event that was held on May 5, 2012. The weather was cool and rainy that day which resulted in a few vendors leaving early. The turn-out was good. Chair Nau would like to hold this event again next year.

Public Works Director Goebel informed the Committee that the title work is being done on Shady River Campground. When the title work is complete the property will go back on the market and at that time the City will submit another bid.

Improvements in Powell Park are on hold until Shady River Campground is finalized. The Park Board will then know which direction they will go with their budget.

Tree planting is almost complete in McDowall Park, there are just a few seedlings left.

The Lupus Foundation Fundraiser will be held this weekend at Lakeside Park.

Public Works Director Goebel informed the Committee that the City of Big Lake is doing a space needs study. If the City purchases land in the future for a City Hall what does the Park Board think about having a park next to City Hall. Discussion followed.

Committee Member Earney inquired if there were any Community Garden plots rented. Public Works Director Goebel stated that there are three garden plots rented with two plots already planted.

There are no new developments in regards to the Dog Park.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

A City resident contacted a Park Board member about a possible future project for a Splash Park. Discussion followed.

Committee Member Stern will have a conflict of interest starting in September with her commitment to another Committee that meets at 5:00 p.m. the second Monday of every month and inquired if the Parks Advisory Committee would consider changing their meeting date and or time. The Committee will consider it. No action taken at this time.

Public Works Director Goebel informed the Committee that Big Lake and Mitchell Lake have been treated this year for Eurasian Watermilfoil. There was a grant of approximately \$6,000.00 awarded for it and the Lake Association will pay the remainder.

5. STAFF UPDATE - none

6. NEW BUSINESS - none

7. ADJOURN

Committee Member Rossman motioned to adjourn at 6:15 p.m. Seconded by Committee Member McDowall Seyko, unanimous ayes, motion carried.