

**PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
JULY 9, 2012**

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Committee Member Stern motioned to accept the June 11, 2012 Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Planning Commission Liaison Marotz, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3A. DISCUSS PROJECTS

Public Works Director informed the Committee that a closing date of July 19, 2012 is scheduled for Shady River Campground. The purchase price is \$99,000.00. The seller is paying the closing costs of \$2,500.00 and spent \$10,000.00 in clean-up of the property. The bank is requesting the City and Park Committee hold a grand opening on the property. Once the City is the official owner of the property the Committee would like to look at grant money for developing the park. Discussion followed.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

Public Works Director Goebel informed the Committee that he is working with the Elk River Police Department and YMCA to hold a fishing contest for children at Lakeside Park next Wednesday from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Graniteman Triathlon contacted Public Works Director Goebel in regards to changing this years' route.

The Lakeside Park vendor was discussed. Planning Commission Liaison Marotz has heard positive feedback from Big Lake residents in regards to the vendor. Discussion followed.

Committee Members have heard positive feedback regarding the exercise equipment at Lakeside Park and have also seen the equipment being used.

Committee Member McDowall Seyko inquired if a DNR representative could speak to the Parks Committee again. She spoke a previous time to the Committee.

5. STAFF UPDATE - none

6. NEW BUSINESS

Committee Member McDowall Seyko viewed a park in a community that had a circular parking lot. She described where the park sign was placed along with wild flowers and would like the Committee to keep this in mind.

7. ADJOURN

Committee Member McDowall Seyko motioned to adjourn at 6:20 p.m. Seconded by Committee Member Earney, unanimous ayes, motion carried.