

**PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 12, 2011**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Nau opened the meeting at 6:01 p.m. Committee Members present: Katrine Nau, Janae Stern, Eugene Earney, Renee Rossman, Planning Commission Liaison Scott Marotz and City Council Liaison Mike Wallen. Also Present: Public Works Director Michael Goebel. Those Absent: Committee Member Denise McDowall Seyko

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Committee Member Earney motioned to accept the July 11, 2011 and August 8, 2011 Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Committee Member Stern, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3A. DISCUSS BUSINESS

Public Works Director Goebel updated the Committee on the various Park Projects. The boarder is installed in Powell Park. The Public Works Department will begin work on the trails in River Oaks Park this fall. Public Works Director Goebel will continue researching exercise equipment and encouraged Park Members to look at the new exercise equipment in Highland Park in the City of Bloomington if possible. With the State shut down the Minnesota Tree Grant was on hold. Public Works Director Goebel is inquiring if the Tree Grant will be extended. The Prairie Restoration Project was recently mowed and the acorns are scheduled to be planted October 15th.

Discussion followed regarding potential signage on trails that flood.

The reader board was discussed. This is for City use and non profit organizations. The City Council will be reviewing rules and regulations for the reader board at their next City Council Meeting.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

Committee Member Stern visited a dog park in Alpine Park in the City of Ramsey. It was mentioned that a dog park could be located possibly in the airport land if it were developed as a Regional Park. There is still interest from various organizations to have this land developed as a Regional Park.

The next Parks Advisory Committee Meeting falls on Monday, October 10, 2011 which is Columbus Day. Due to the holiday City offices will be closed. The meeting is then changed to Tuesday, October 11, 2011.

5. STAFF UPDATE – None

6. NEW BUSINESS -

Public Works Director Goebel was contacted by CRS regarding the sale of the old River Inn property located by the Mississippi River to see if the City was interested in the property. The selling price is \$230,000.00. Discussion followed regarding other available land for sale in the City and Township.

7. ADJOURN

Planning Commission Liaison Marotz motioned to adjourn at 6:33 p.m. Seconded by Committee Member Rossman, unanimous ayes, motion carried.