1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Denise McDowall-Seyko opened the meeting at 6:33 p.m. Committee Members Present: Denise McDowall-Seyko, Doug Peterson, Laura Talvitie, and City Council Liaison Scott Zettervall. Those Absent: Chrysi Skrypec, Shane Fisher and Planning Commission Liaison Scott Marotz. Also Present: Public Works Director Michael Goebel and Recreation Coordinator Corrie Scott.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Committee Member Peterson made a motion to approve the August 12, 2019 Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Committee Member Talvitie, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

3. OLD BUSINESS

4. OTHER BUSINESS

4A. ANNUAL CITY COMMITTEE WORKSHOP ON DECEMBER 5TH AT 6:00 P.M.

The Parks Committee was informed of the 2019 Annual Joint Committee Workshop that will be held on Thursday, December 5, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Big Lake Council Chambers. This year, Committee Members are asked to provide an update on activities of each Committee in the past year, as well as goals for 2020. Recreation Coordinator Scott volunteered to put together a brief presentation.

5. STAFF UPDATE

Chair McDowall-Seyko welcomed City Council Liaison Zettervall and briefly explained the purpose of the Parks Advisory Committee and that the Parks Committee is a recommending board only.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6A. PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF 7.3 ACRES (property located south of the North Star Train Station)

The proposed development inadvertently bypassed the Parks Advisory Committee and went straight to the Planning Commission. It is the Planning Commission’s recommendation to accept cash rather than land for Park Dedication. Some of the amenities that are included in the proposed project are an outdoor pool, large park/picnic areas, pet areas and paved walk-ways. At this time there is no knowledge that the developers are asking for Park Dedication credits for this. Discussion followed. Committee Member Talvitie made a motion to accept cash in lieu of land for the Park
Dedication in the amount of $2,500.00 per unit with 3 buildings having 35 units in each building for a total of $87,500.00 per building. Seconded by Committee Member Peterson, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

6B. CAR CONDO DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION
It was mentioned that the developer asked if he could pay Park Dedication fees in payments with the phases of the development. Discussion followed regarding what the development looks like and how the car condos are used. Committee Member Peterson made a motion to accept cash in the amount of $11,540.00 payable immediately with no phased payments for Park Dedication. Seconded by Talvitie, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

6C. UPDATES FROM RECREATION COORDINATOR CORRIE SCOTT
Recreation Coordinator Scott informed the Committee that City Planner Michael Healy has been in contact with St Thomas University and will give them a projected list of projects in the City of Big Lake for their students to work on during the semester. Discussion followed on some proposed projects within the City.

Presently there are two Parks Advisory Committee openings with a possibility of a third seat. Recreation Coordinator Scott is advertising these openings on the City’s public media platforms.

Recreation Coordinator Scott reviewed the Parks Brochure which she will update and edit.

The Family Fun Fest went over well which included a painting activity for the children.

The Freedom Rock project was discussed. The City of Big Lake is the financial holder for the project. It was noted that this is a City project and not the Parks Advisory Committee’s project.

Recreation Coordinator Scott informed the Committee additional holiday decorations were purchased and that all 30 lamp posts will be decorated this holiday season.

7. ADJOURN

Committee Member Talvitie motioned to adjourn at p.m. 7:35. Seconded by Committee Member Peterson, unanimous ayes, motion carried.