

**DEEPHAVEN PARK COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES OF APRIL 1, 2009**

Present: Lucy Hicks, Darel Gustafson, John Flynn, Scott Ferguson, and Hans Larson  
Absent: Bryan Sykora, Peggy Beardsley, Sarah Lien, and Jennifer Young  
Guests: none

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Lucy Hicks called the meeting to order at 7:06PM, declaring a quorum.

**MINUTES**

*The Committee approved the February 4, 2009 minutes on a motion by Hans Larson and seconded by John Flynn moved. Motion carried 5-0.*

**PUBLIC FORUM**

No persons were present for the public forum.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**a) Park Bench Inventory and Bench Needs for Thorpe Park**

The Committee discussed the need for benches in Thorpe Park. There is no money in the 2009 budget for replacement benches. The City has received several requests for a bench near the tennis courts, the warming house and near the south end of the pond along the walking path. *Chair Lucy Hicks moved to recommend to Council that the city place a notice in the July newsletter to seek donations for benches at Thorpe Park. Darel Gustafson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.*

**b) Thorpe Playground Improvements**

Scott Ferguson stated that the task force is still in the process of creating a concept for the park playground space. The committee discussed a possible nautical theme to reflect the lake area and is still considering natural elements to the overall plan.

**c) Other Park and Play Structures**

Scott Ferguson suggested that an article be placed in an upcoming newsletter to solicit feedback regarding the wants and needs of park equipment from residents.

Darel Gustafson suggested that the Committee focus on one park project at a time and get the project done. His concern was focusing on multiple projects can delay the overall projects and be more time consuming.

Hans Larson stated the goal with the playground improvement was to get a concept plan in place by summer and begin to move forward in whole or in phases.

**d) Deephaven Days**

Deephaven Days is scheduled for Saturday, August 8. The Committee discussed whether the triathlon entry fee should be increased.

Hans Larson stated that he spoke with several event companies to learn the cost of promotion and assistance with the race, timing, chips, and advertising. Hans stated that the City can purchase disposable chips and timing mats to have from year to year. Hans is waiting for more information and will report back next month on the costs and availability.

Lucy Hicks stated that she would be in favor of buying the timing chips for the race this year.

Darel Gustafson agreed that the race entry fee could support a small increase (\$30) if we were to provide timing chips.

The Committee agreed the band was good and well received and will contact them for this year's event. The Committee agreed to provide t-shirts to racers again. Darel Gustafson stated the he will work with Bryan Sykora to update the course to eliminate cross-over of racers. Darel stated that he will also check to see if there would be any volunteers through Grace Lutheran Church in the youth group.

**e) Committee Goals for 2009**

The Committee agreed their primary goal for 2009 will be the Thorpe Park playground improvements. Scott Ferguson suggested that the walking path should be reviewed for future resurfacing.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**a) Japanese Beetles**

The Committee discussed reviewed a quote by TruGreen Chemlawn to treat the Japanese Beetles in Thorpe Park. The quote would include a one-time application to the entire park lawn area in early June to kill the beetle grub before it emerges and flies to the foliage and flowers.

The Committee was not clear if there are any infestations of the beetles in Thorpe Park, but has been made aware of several surrounding properties that are experiencing problems with the beetle. The Committee suggested, prior to approving any treatment to the park, that the public works department takes several samples and monitors the grass areas throughout the park to learn if there are any beetles/grubs present.

Staff will ask the public works staff to take several samples over the next several months at random locations throughout the park.

**b) Thorpe Pond**

The Committee asked if the public works department could install the aerator pump at Thorpe pond as soon as possible to prevent any buildup of sludge.

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion to adjourn by Hans Larson and seconded by John Flynn. Motion carried 5-0.*

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Park Committee will be held on Wednesday, May 6 at the City Hall.

Respectfully submitted,  
Shelley Souers