

**DEEPHAVEN PARK COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MAY 6, 2009**

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lucy Hicks called the meeting to order at 7:02P.M. declaring a quorum.

MINUTES

The Committee approved the April 1, 2009 minutes on a motion by Sarah Lien and seconded by Darel Gustafson. Motion carried 6-0.

PUBLIC FORUM

No persons were present for the public forum.

NEW BUSINESS

a) Thorpe Park Playground Improvements

Scott Ferguson stated that he and Sarah met with play structure designers and shared the ideas from the Park Committee. The designers created a concept based on their comments. Scott distributed a preliminary concept plan for Thorpe Park that depicted a “lake themed” play structure. The structure colors would all be natural shades. The concept depicts custom pieces, but the Committee will look into standard “off-the-shelf” elements to achieve a similar concept at a reduced price. The concept shown has blended elements to meet 2 age groups.

Scott Ferguson reiterated that the concept shown is more of an expression of color and theme, than the end product. The structure can be scaled down and modified as the committee works through the process. Using “off-the-shelf” components versus custom designs should reduce the overall price.

Sarah Lien stated that they are looking for directional approval on the theme and color scheme.

Scott Ferguson stated that keeping the sand surface will save money; however, the cost will vary based on the size and elements included in the structure. Shipping and installation would be additional costs to consider.

Scott and Sarah will continue to work with designers to make additional modification. The Committee agreed that more functional play pieces for 2-5 year olds should be considered and keeping the swings is a good idea.

Darel Gustafson stated that reviewing multiple options and presenting multiple options to Council can be difficult and typically does not work well in a committee environment. He suggested that the Committee focus on one plan and present the concept to the City Council and then present the plan to the residents as a possible fund-raising effort.

Darel Gustafson suggested that the City consider creating a tax-free donation fund for residents to contribute to park improvements. The Park Committee may also need to campaign door-to-door to raise money for the improvements.

Next steps:

- Modify the play structure concept to include more options for 2-5 year olds
- Keep a swing set in the plan
- Approach the Council with the concept.

Darel Gustafson moved that the Park Committee revise the structure to include more options for 2-5 year olds and include the other idea elements as discussed [swing set, use existing sand base, off-the-shelf products] also to “float” the concept plan to the City Council and to introduce the idea of a community-wide fund raising effort to help cover the costs of the play ground renovation. Scott Ferguson seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Lucy Hicks stated that she will attend the May 18 Council meeting if the modified plan is ready for conceptual presentation.

b) Deephaven Days Triathlon

Hans Larson reported that he received a bid from Peak Timing on the cost of timing chips. The cost is \$1,200 for the first 150 participants and \$4.00 per participant over 150 racers.

The Committee agreed that the timing chips will improve the quality of the race and will supply the chips for the 2009 triathlon. The participation will be limited to 180 persons, 9 years of age and older. The City will also provide swim caps and t-shirts. The Committee agreed to increase the entry fee to \$35 for singles and \$60 for family.

Scott Ferguson will update the registration entry form and map.

Darel Gustafson will review the course for modifications.

Staff will order additional directional signage to identify the course.

c) Adopt a Park, Beach or Trail program

The City received a suggestion from a resident to implement an Adopt-a-Park, Trail or Beach Program. The Committee agreed with the idea and will create an “Adopt a Park, Trail or Beach” application and put a notice for the next newsletter. The Adopt-a-Park, Trail or Beach application will outline what is involved as part of the adoption program, which will mainly be help in cleaning up the parks on an annual basis.

OTHER BUSINESS

Housekeeping issues: The Committee raised concern with the erosion around the new garage building located adjacent to Haralson Park. The garage does not have gutters and the water run-off is causing erosion along the building. In addition to gutters, down-spouts should discharge into splash blocks or rock mulch. When the building foundation was excavated, the soil surrounding the building was not replaced, in kind, and the slope and fabric blanket behind the building was also disturbed. The area around the building including the slope needs to be restored and re-seeded.

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Staff will confirm with Arteka [landscape company] when the silt fence can be removed from Haralson Park.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Hans Larson and seconded by Sarah Lien. Motion carried 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:30P.M. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Park Committee will be held on Wednesday, June 3 at the City Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Shelley Souers