

**DEEPHAVEN PARK COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF JUNE 3, 2009**

Present: Lucy Hicks, Darel Gustafson, Scott Ferguson, Sarah Lien and Bryan Sykora,

Absent: Hans Larson, John Flynn and Jennifer Young

Guests: none

CALL TO ORDER

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

MINUTES

The Committee approved the May 6, 2009 minutes on a motion by Darel Gustafson and seconded by Bryan Sykora. Motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC FORUM

No persons were present for the public forum.

NEW BUSINESS

a) Thorpe Park Playground Improvements

Lucy Hicks reported that she and Darel Gustafson met with the Council to present an overview and conceptual plan of the park improvements projects. The Council was interested in cost options for stock pieces versus custom pieces.

The Park Committee will continue to work on the concept and modify the plan to incorporate stock pieces and come back with costs for stock equipment.

Darel Gustafson stated that he spoke with several residents about the concept to get feedback. The biggest question was what age-range is the play structure designed for?

Bryan Sykora noted that the primary colors do attract children's attention, but there is a shift to design playgrounds with more natural elements and colors.

Scott Ferguson stated that the original discussion focused on creating a structure that had natural elements and color theme. The concept evolved to create a theme (color and structure) that reflects the lake community atmosphere.

The committee agreed that swings need to be part of any improvements and a structure for 2-5 year-olds needs to be incorporated.

Scott Ferguson and Bryan Sykora will work on the concept to include more stock pieces, swings and a structure for 2-5 years.

Lucy Hicks stated there is \$40,000 in the budget for structure upgrades.

Darel Gustafson suggested the committee consider upgrades to several park play structures in the City to get involvement and interest from the full community, not just those residents in close

proximity to Thorpe Park. This would increase support and donations to a project fund. Darel suggested having several design pictures ready for the triathlon to share with the community.

b) Deephaven Days & Triathlon

Darel Gustafson - met with the Chief of Police to redesign the route.

- Working with Nancy Middleton on the registration table

Lucy Hicks - spoke with the Minnetonka Reserve Volunteers for help with the triathlon.

- contact the Chief of Police about the possibility of CERT volunteers to help with triathlon.
- contact Mayor Skrede regarding additional bike racks and set up prior to the race.
- get information on inflatable slide options for the picnic.
- confirm use of watercraft with John Flynn for swim portion.

Sarah Lien - check on the cost of additional directional signs.

Bryan Sykora - will make about 200 colored copies of the triathlon application.

Hans Larsen - confirm with Peak Timing to provide timing chips to the event.

Staff - confirm the fire truck, ambulance and lifeguard services

Booths and sponsors

It was suggested that area business may donate \$50 to have their business logo (1 color) printed on the race t-shirts. Possible sponsors; Boko bikes, Spazzo, Great Harvest, Maynards, Caribou, Lifetime, Lakewinds, Americana Bank, Dekyannes, Hanus sports.

The Committee agreed that business booths in the park are good idea. The Committee suggested a fee of \$35 per booth be paid to the City or the businesses provide two volunteers for the race in lieu of the fee.

The Committee considered selling ice cream at the finish line. Dry ice will be needed.

c) Other Business

The committee considered a request by a resident to permit dogs to swim at Nocomo Beach (Walden neighborhood), designating the beach location as an approved beach for dogs to swim. The committee did not believe that Nocomo Beach had adequate space for dogs and people to share the beach.

Darel Gustafson moved to recommend to Council that Nocomo Beach not be designated as a beach location for dogs because it is too small. Bryan Sykora seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

The committee suggested that Burton Park be considered for an off-leash dog park. Darel Gustafson stated that Burton Park would need some shrubs and an extension of the existing fence to mark a permitted dog park area, but would require little else to create a nice sized dog park. There is also access to the lake so dogs could swim.

Bryan Sykora stated that he would look into parameters needed to create a dog park.

Darel Gustafson noted that there are several small park lots that are not used or undeveloped and suggested that the City may want to consider selling the small pieces of land or consider turning them into park preserves with natural prairie environments to reduce the amount of on-going maintenance by the city.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Darel Gustafson and seconded by Sarah Lien. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:58 P.M. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Park Committee will be held on Wednesday, July 1 at the City Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Shelley Souers