

Deephaven Park Committee Minutes

January 6, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lucy Hicks called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. declaring a quorum.

Present: Lucy Hicks, Sarah Lien, Peggy Beardsley, John Flynn, Bryan Sykora and Jim Elvestrom

Absent: Scott Ferguson, Darel Gustafson and Hans Larson

MINUTES

The Committee approved the December 2, 2009 minutes, on a motion by Peggy Beardsley and seconded by Bryan Sykora. Motion carried 6-0.

PUBLIC FORUM

Lucy Hicks thanked the Park Committee members for all their support and hard work during her tenure.

BUSINESS ITEMS

a) Volunteer to the Park Committee.

Deephaven resident, Cindy Hunt Webster, 18975 Rutledge Road, met with the Park Committee as a candidate for a vacant committee seat.

Mrs. Webster stated that she has resided in Deephaven for 30 years. They have raised two children in the City and use the parks and beaches. Mrs. Webster stated that she is willing to serve in any capacity and has volunteered with the Deephaven Days and Triathlon in the past.

Mrs. Webster suggested the park committee may consider music in the park as a summer event for residents.

The park Committee thanked Mrs. Webster for her time.

Lucy Hicks moved to recommend to Council that Mrs. Cindy Hunt Webster be appointed to the Park Committee to fill a vacant seat. Sarah Lien seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Darel Gustafson was not able to be in attendance, however, by proxy through Lucy Hicks conveyed his support of Mrs. Webster's appointment.

b) Appoint Chair and Vice Chair

Lucy Hicks moved to recommend to Council that Darel Gustafson be appointed as the Chair of the committee for 2010. Sarah Lien seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Bryan Sykora moved to recommend to Council that Sarah Lien be appointed as the Vice Chair for 2010. Lucy Hicks seconded the motion. Motion carried with Sarah Lien abstaining from vote.

c) Thorpe Park Play Structure Improvements

The committee viewed several plans delineating a master plan for Thorpe Park with features for 2-5 year olds and 5-12 year olds, in addition to several independent modules. The plans ranged from \$108,000 to \$93,000. The costs do not include transport and installation.

Several of the separate modules would carry a higher price tag, i.e. rock structures, but the committee suggested these could be added in phases.

The sub-committee has not had an opportunity to meet to customize the plan with a Deephaven theme.

Sarah Lien noted that there are ways to reduce the price:

- 1 – hold off on the rock & rope structure for a later date.
- 2 – maintain the existing 2-5 year structure could reduce the cost by about \$15,000.

Bryan Sykora stated that a budget of \$30,000 is limiting in regard to large playground structures when you also factor in installation and removal costs.

Sarah Lien suggested that the City consider reaching out to local builders and businesses within Deephaven with an interest in contributing to a fund for park improvements.

Lucy Hicks suggested the City provide an engraved brick to be placed in the park area to recognize donors.

Bryan Sykora stated that some of the install and surfacing could be done with volunteer help to reduce costs.

Next steps:

Schedule a work session with City Council members.

OTHER BUSINESS

a) Geese in Thorpe Pond

Jim Elvestrom suggested that the City may want to consider purchasing two artificial swans and placing them in Thorpe pond this spring to dissuade the geese. The swans in conjunction with an application of spray can further deter the geese, also allowing the grass along the edge of the pond to grow taller could also help.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Bryan Sykora and seconded by Sarah Lien. Motion carried 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:39 P.M. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Park Committee will be held on Wednesday, February 3 at the City Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Shelley Souers