

DEEPHAVEN PARK COMMITTEE MEETING
December 3, 2008
Minutes

Present: Lucy Hicks, Peggy Beardsley, Sarah Lien, Hans Larson Darel Gustafson,
Scott Ferguson and Council Liaison John Wheaton

Absent: John Flynn, Bryan Sykora and Jennifer Young

CALL TO ORDER

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

MINUTES

The Committee approved the November 5, 2008 minutes as submitted on a motion by Peggy Beardsley and seconded by Darel Gustafson. Motion carried 6-0.

PUBLIC FORUM (*items not on the agenda*)

No discussion.

BUSINESS ITEM

Lucy Hick thanked the Park Committee members and residents who participated in putting the skating rink boards together at the Village Hall rink.

a) Thorpe Playground Master Plan

Scott Ferguson and Sarah Lien requested to table the discussion until January.
The Park Committee will continue discussion at the January 7 meeting.

b) Deephaven Days – Goals for the future.

The Park Committee continued discussion on the goals of Deephaven Days (picnic and triathlon).

Hans Larson stated that he believes the goal with a City event is to get resident participation.

Scott Ferguson agreed the event is fun and would like to see a run or similar activity continue to be included in the event. Scott noted that the event is good publicity for the community.

Sarah Lien agreed that the race event will continue to get more outside participation each year. The City needs to decide if the goal is to grow the event with nonresidents. Sarah asked if the City will be able to accommodate the crowds as the event grows? The event may need to be altered as it grows to make it fit.

Lucy agreed the event is fun but takes many volunteers. Lucy noted that there is the potential to advertise and really grow the event.

Darel Gustafson stated that driving the race to 250 participants will also drive the quality. He noted that the Committee has been discussing the event for three months and the fact that it is still being discussed may indicate the Committees concern with moving forward with a larger scale event.

Sarah Lien agreed that the triathlon could easily grow, but does not believe the growth will be Deephaven residents.

Peggy Beardsley stated that the priority for Deephaven Days is community involvement.

John Wheaton stated that the idea was created to bring the community together. The event was not started as a fund raising event for the City.

The committee discussed the idea of relocating the picnic to the main beach to possibly tie in with some children's activities.

Sarah Lien stated that the triathlon creates an opportunity to raise money for the park fund by increasing the entry fee of race.

Darel Gustafson stated that people typically support the idea of giving to a purpose.

John Wheaton suggested a neighborhood competition like a relay or softball game.

Lucy Hicks noted the challenge with two separate events will be getting volunteers.

Hans Larson stated that he believes there would be more City participation if the focus was on a picnic event.

Darel Gustafson asked if John Wheaton could speak with the City Council about organizing sections of the community to get participants and have a softball event at the picnic. Smaller kids could have a kickball game. The picnic would follow the mini tournaments.

Scott Ferguson agreed that having Cottagewood Store participate in the Deephaven days picnic is a good idea.

Lucy Hicks recommended that the advertising and promotion for the community picnic start early by putting a notice in the newsletter and possibly a notice in with the utility bill as a "mark your calendar" Deephaven all town picnic.

The Park Committee agreed that a Friday evening all town picnic at the main beach or Thorpe in conjunction with the Cottagewood Store to draw as many Deephaven residents together as possible and include some smaller games for kids similar to what St. Therese Church does in October. The date for the picnic would be middle to late June.

Peggy Beardsley stated that she would call the Cottagewood Store to learn if they would help with food preparation and service.

Discussion will continue at future meetings.

c) Use of the Park Facilities.

Lucy Hicks reported that she spoke with Meg Low at MCES and Dana Young and currently there is no organized scheduling of the park facilities through the City. There have been no reported conflicts with the use of the facilities. Lucy asked if the City should consider charging leagues and organizations for the use of the City facilities.

Hans Larson stated that the City of Shorewood charges leagues a flat rate to use their municipal facilities. The fees go to support the upkeep of the fields.

John Wheaton noted that once leagues are granted a designated time slot, residents cannot use the facility at that time. If the use park facilities becomes a problem, the City can reconsider charging for use and scheduling.

Darel Gustafson asked how we can designate a court and time to Kids Team Tennis if we cannot guarantee the courts availability.

Lucy Hicks noted that the tennis court signs limit play for 45 minutes if others are waiting.

Scott Ferguson stated that Kids Team Tennis group asked the City if they can use the courts for lessons and we would be telling them they can use the courts.

Peggy Beardsley moved to allow the use of the courts to Kids Team Tennis on Tuesday and Thursday nights during the month of July from 6:15pm to 7:30pm as requested. Scott Ferguson seconded motion and suggested that the Kids Team Tennis post a sign notify residents that the court will be used during that time. Motion carried 6-0.

COUNCIL REPORT

John Wheaton summarized recent Council issues.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Hans Larson and seconded by Sarah Lien. Motion carried 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Park Committee will be held on Wednesday, January 7 at the City Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Shelley Souers