

PARK COMMITTEE MEETING

April 9, 2008

Minutes

Present: Darel Gustafson, Bryan Sykora, Peggy Beardsley, Sarah Lien, Hans Larson and Council Liaison John Wheaton.

Absent: Lucy Hicks, John Flynn, Jennifer Young and Scott Ferguson,

Call to Order

Vice Chair Darel Gustafson called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM. declaring a quorum.

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The Committee approved the March 5, 2008 minutes as submitted on a motion by Peggy Beardsley and seconded by Bryan Sykora. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Forum –No comments were made.

Park Improvements

The Committee reviewed a revised park site plan prepared by Committee Member Scott Ferguson.

Darel Gustafson suggested, that in keeping with the Council's direction, no improvements should be north of the property line. Darel suggested that Scott make some changes by moving the proposed trees and seating area to the south side of the court.

Hans Larson asked if tree proposed adjacent to the court would present a problem with leaf debris.

John Wheaton noted that platform tennis is a winter sport and tree debris should not be an issue.

The Committee agreed that a seating area be located along the south side of the platform court.

Darel Gustafson moved to recommend that all items north of the property line be removed from the plan specifications and the seating area be relocated south of property line. The seating area to be 10' x 10', with space for two standard Deephaven benches. Peggy Beardsley seconded the motion.

The Committee suggested the seating area be placed on the south side of the court, (opposite from the current plan). The landscaper would need to prepare topsoil to accept plantings and will remove trees that have been marked for removal by the City. A walking path will be created between the seating area and the west access along Minnetonka Boulevard.

Motion carried 5-0.

Zamboni Storage Garage

The Park Committee met in the parking lot behind City Hall, adjacent to the Fire Station to consider a possible location for a storage garage in the corner of the fenced area.

Darel Gustafson asked if the zamboni garage could be built at Thorpe Park or if the zamboni could serve each park.

The Committee discussed the life-span of the Zamboni and what would become of the storage garage if the zamboni becomes inoperable. Hans Larson reported that because indoor rinks are changing to electric zambonis, used zambonis are becoming more readily available.

Bryan Sykora asked if the zamboni garage were built at Village Hall Park, whether the zamboni could be tailored to Thorpe Park.

John Wheaton reported that several fire fighters maintained the zamboni last season and maintained the rinks as well. The fire fighters are willing to continue helping with the maintenance of the zamboni.

John Wheaton suggested that the lighting be improved around the free-skate area at Village Park.

Hans Larson moved recommend to Council to build a zamboni garage on the paved location next to fire station to include hot water, electric, and building heat and a water source from the pump house for approximately \$18,000, and to include a trailer capable of hauling the zamboni between parks. The water connection and costs for electrical are not included in the \$18,000. The exterior style of the garage will complement the fire station in building materials and shingle color. Peggy Beardsley seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

The money needed for the zamboni garage would come from the park budget, taking into account that the park improvement project has been scaled back from initial budget amounts.

Darel Gustafson reiterated that the initial park improvements were budgeted at \$50,000, and given the new specifications should be considerable less.

The Park Commission asked staff to create a separate line item on the budget for zamboni garage and trailer (\$18,000).

Arbor Day Celebration

The Main Beach will be the site for the Arbor Day Ceremony.

Peggy Beardsley moved that the public works staff be asked to select a fast growing shade tree to be planted at the beach for Arbor Day, near the swing set. Bryan Sykora seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Deephaven Days Planning

Deephaven Days is scheduled for Saturday, August 9.

The Committee reviewed estimated costs for 2008 Deephaven Days. The Water Patrol requires that an ambulance be onsite for the race and that swim caps be worn by all participants. An increase to the registration fee was discussed, given some of the new changes. No decision was made on this matter. In an effort to simplify the race event the Committee agreed to create just one race course for 2008 with the 6.2 mile bike ride.

Hans Larson stated that he will get some prices on t-shirts for the triathlon.
(150 shirts - 50 XL - 50 Large - 25 medium - 25 small)

Council Report

John Wheaton reported that the Boat Committee wants to move forward with a design for the platform in St. Louis Beach.

The public works department had removed the wires on the platform court and is painting the flooring.

Meeting Schedule

The Park Committee will resume meetings on the first Wednesday of each month starting in May. The Boat Committee will not be changing their meetings to the first Wednesday as discussed at last months meeting.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Hans Larson and seconded by Bryan Sykora. Motion carried 5-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Park Committee will be held on Wednesday, May 7.

Respectfully submitted,
Shelley Souers