

PARK COMMITTEE MEETING

December 7, 2011

Minutes

Call Meeting to Order

Chairman John Flynn called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Members Present

John Flynn, Patrick Regan, Scott Ferguson, Rebecca Sundquist, Peggy Beardsley and Jim Elvestrom

Members Absent

Cindy Webster

November 2, 2011 Minutes

The Committee approved the November 2, 2011 minutes on a motion by Peggy Beardsley, seconded by Jim Elvestrom. Motion carried 6-0.

Matters from the Floor

There were no Matters from the Floor this evening.

Park Reports

Committee members provided their monthly park reports:

Peggy Beardsley stated that the trash cans at Sandy Beach and Rocky Beach have been removed but there is still a full trash can at Shuck Park that needs to be removed.

Jim Elvestrom stated that hay bales are needed around the backstop fence at the bottom of the sliding hill at Thorpe Park.

New Members for 2012

Dana Young stated that the one-year term of John Flynn is set to expire on February 2012 and the partial terms of Rebecca Sundquist and Patrick Regan are up for reappointment on February 2012.

Motion by Jim Elvestrom to recommend the reappointment of John Flynn to a second one-year term of office effective until February 2013 and to recommend the reappointment of Rebecca Sundquist and Patrick Regan to a three-year term of office effective until February 2015. Seconded by Scott Ferguson. Motion carried 5-0.

Deephaven Beach Boardwalk Repair or Removed

Discussion was held on the boardwalk at Deephaven Beach and whether the boardwalk should be repaired or removed. Dana Young stated that the public works crew has reported that the boardwalk is in poor condition and needs to be either repaired or removed. He stated that at this time, the public works crew would do either the repair work or the removal.

Scott Ferguson stated that it might cost less to repair the boardwalk than the costs to mitigate all the damage caused by its removal. He stated that there would be significant grading required once the boardwalk is removed.

Patrick Regan stated that he thought the boardwalk was useful the way it is. He stated that a number of people sit on the boardwalk because it can be too crowded on the pavement and too hot on the sand.

Discussion was held on the estimated cost of repairing the boardwalk and whether the public works crew was best suited to undertake the repair the boardwalk. Dana Young stated that if the crew felt that they didn't have the time or ability to repair the boardwalk, the repair work could be contracted out.

Patrick Regan asked whether the City had considered replacing the boardwalk with wood or composite wood.

Dana Young stated that this could certainly be considered.

Scott Ferguson and John Flynn stated that it would be helpful if the Committee was presented with the entire scope of the proposed project before making a final decision.

Platform Tennis Rackets / Balls

Discussion was held on the proposed rental policy for the platform tennis paddles. It was decided that the paddles would be rented free of charge upon submittal of a driver's license. An individual could rent up to four paddles for one day, with the paddles returned in the morning. In the event that the paddles were rented on a Friday, the individual could have the paddles through the weekend.

Further discussion was held on whether the paddles could be rented by non-residents. The Committee decided to hold off on a specific policy on non-residents until there is more experience and history on exactly who is renting the paddles.

Jim Elvestrom stated that Lifetime in Eden Prairie has a couple of platform tennis courts that are no longer being used and they would be willing to donate the courts to anyone who would be interested. Discussion was held on whether the City would be interested in acquiring a second court. Further discussion was held on the costs to repair the City's existing court and whether the City would want to assume the cost of a second court.

John Flynn asked Jim Elvestrom to look into the matter and report back to the Committee.

Burton Park Fishing Pier

Discussion was held on replacing the Burton Park Fishing Pier. Dana Young stated that the pier could be replaced in its existing configuration but any change in its design would require approval from the Lake Minnetonka Conservation District. He added that there are a couple of Boy Scouts inquiring about possible Eagle Scout projects and the pier could be reconstructed as an Eagle Scout project.

It was the consensus of the Committee to review the fishing pier at a later date and decide whether to modify the fishing pier by installing a new pier that would be both wider and longer.

New Committee Meeting Dates

Dana Young stated that the City of Greenwood has requested switching the date of their regular Council meetings from the 1st Tuesday of the month to the 1st Wednesday of the month. He stated that the Greenwood City Council only meets once per month and they are concerned by the number of meetings that would have to be rescheduled if they continued to meet on the 1st Tuesday of the month.

He asked if the Committee would be agreeable to meeting on the 1st Tuesday or the 1st Thursday of the month to accommodate Greenwood's request.

Motion by Peggy Beardsley to recommend that the Park Committee hold their regular meetings on the 1st Tuesday of the month. Seconded by Rebecca Sundquist. Motion carried 5-1.

Other

Motion by Jim Elvestrom to reappoint John Flynn as Chairman for 2012 and Scott Ferguson as Vice-Chairman for 2012. Seconded by Scott Ferguson. Motion carried 6-0.

Peggy Beardsley noted that there was an article on dogs at running at large in the last City Newsletter and asked if this was a new effort by the City to control dogs running at large on trails, beaches and parks. Dana Young stated that there isn't any new effort but just wanted residents to be more conscience of keeping their dogs under control on public property. He stated that the City has received more complaints lately from residents such as Pat Paul over dog waste at Deephaven Beach and elsewhere and the article is just a reminder to clean up after your pet.

John Flynn noted that the City of Excelsior will be hosting Hockey Day Minnesota on January 21st and he has received a request to use the Zamboni for the event. He stated that the use of the Zamboni would be very good publicity for the City of Deephaven.

Dana Young noted that Minnetonka Community Education will again be sponsoring Skate Late at the Village Hall ice rink on January 27th.

Scott Ferguson stated that the Park Committee had asked both him and Patrick Regan to work on the design of the City Hall Memorial Park area at the last meeting. He stated that they would like to table any design work on this project until funding has been assigned to construct the park area.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Peggy Beardsley, seconded by Jim Elvestrom. Motion carried 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Park Committee will be held on Tuesday, February 7, 2012.