

**DEEPHAVEN PARK COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**MARCH 30, 2011**  
**Minutes**

**Call Meeting to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Members Present**

John Flynn, Cindy Webster, Peggy Beardsley, Rebecca Sundquist, Jim Elvestrom,

**Members Absent**

Scott Ferguson

**Guests**

Patrick Regan, and Pat and Ken Paul

**January 5, 2011 Minutes**

The Committee approved the January 5, 2011 minutes on a motion by Cindy Webster, seconded by Peggy Beardsley. Motion carried 5-0.

**Matters from the Floor**

There were no Matters from the Floor this evening.

**Dogs at Large at Deephaven Beach**

Mrs. Pat Paul (19100 Highland Avenue) was present to complain about dogs wandering at large at Deephaven Beach. Mrs. Paul stated that the current policy and the posted signs are not working. Mrs. Paul suggested the only solution may be to ban the dogs from the beach area altogether.

The City Code currently permits dogs on a leash to use the walking path at Deephaven Beach. The Park Committee agreed that dogs off leash and the lack of clean-up by their owners is becoming a bigger issue and goes beyond the beach. Cindy Webster asked if the beach could be fenced off with a gate access on each side.

John Flynn suggested that the committee investigate how other communities address dog issues and asked Peggy Beardsley to follow-up on this.

Jim Elvestrom reported that he will also check on the cost of a service called "Duty Calls" that cleans up park areas.

The Committee thanked Mrs. Paul for her suggestion and attendance.

**Appointment of New Member Patrick Regan**

John Flynn welcomed Patrick Regan to the meeting.

Patrick Regan gave a brief overview of his background and experience. Patrick Reagan stated that he is an architect and has worked with landscape architects, city councils and planning commissions and felt that experience overlaps with the responsibilities of the Park Committee.

The Committee recommended the appointment of Patrick Regan complete the unexpired term of Darel Gustafson on a motion by Rebecca Sundquist and seconded by Cindy Webster. Motion carried 5-0.

### **Park & Beach Assignments**

Discussion was held about each Committee member adopting a city park in order to advise the City if there are any outstanding maintenance issues. The members volunteered to monitor the following parks and beaches:

Peggy Beardsley	-	Shuck Park, Cottagewood Children's Park, Rocky Beach, Linwood Beach
Scott Ferguson	-	Thorpe Park
Jim Elvestrom	-	Thorpe Park, Robinson's Bay Beach, Nocomo Beach
John Flynn	-	Robinson's Bay Beach, Deephaven Beach
Rebecca Sundquist	-	Haralson Park, Village Hall Park
Cindy Webster	-	Deephaven Beach
Patrick Regan	-	Cleveland Park/ Lake Louise Trail, Old Railroad Bed

### **Shuck Park Improvements**

Shuck Park Improvement meeting has been listed for May 4<sup>th</sup> in the April City Newsletter. The following improvements were scheduled at Shuck Park over the next 10 years:

- 2013 – Tennis court Armor Crack sealing (\$9,000)
- 2015 – Sign (\$1,700), swings (\$3,000), benches (\$1,700), spring toys (\$1,500), basketball court sealing (\$1,000), picnic table (\$750), remove existing playground equipment
- 2019 – Tennis court reconstruction (\$50,000)

The Park Committee will take public comments regarding Shuck Park improvements and create a list of priorities. John Flynn stated that tennis courts are an asset to the parks and it seems beneficial to maintain the courts if they already exist.

The Committee agreed to have a site meeting at Shuck Park prior to the May 4 Park Committee meeting to better understand the park condition and issues. Site visit: Wednesday, April 27 at 7:00PM.

### **Community Event**

Discussion was held regarding establishing a Community Event. Jim Elvestrom suggested jazz music in Thorpe Park. The City may need to provide a tent and stage for a music event. Plymouth hosts jazz in the park and he will check on the details and gather information on how their event is run.

John Flynn suggested keeping the event simple and low cost to avoid needing numerous volunteers.

The date would depend on the event size and may not be until 2012. The discussion will continue next month.

Rebecca Sundquist agreed to spearhead the committee.

**Geese at Thorpe Park**

The geese continue to be a problem at Thorpe Park. Jim Elvestrom stated that there are several options to consider; chemical applications that can be applied to deter the geese; allowing the grass to grow taller around the pond; and placing fake swans on the pond may deter the geese.

**Arbor Day – May 1 at 1:00PM Thorpe Park**

The City will host Arbor Day on Sunday, May 1 at 1:00PM at Thorpe Park. Peggy Beardsley will be in charge of juice and cookies for the attendees.

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Jim Elvestrom and seconded by Peggy Beardsley. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:33PM. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Park Committee will be Wednesday, May 4, 2011.