

**PARK COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**May 2, 2007**  
**Minutes**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Woody Woodburn called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Present: Bryan Sykora, John Dupont, Jennifer Young, Darel Gustafson, Peggy Beardsley, Lucy Hicks, Hans Larson, Woody Woodburn and Council Liaison John Wheaton.

Absent: John Flynn

Guests: Richard & Katie Kreutter

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The Committee approved the April 12, 2007 minutes as submitted on a motion by Peggy Beardsley and seconded by Lucy Hicks. Motion carried 8-0.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A) Thorpe Park Needs Assessment**

Mrs. Katie Kreutter requested the Park Commission consider installing several benches with back rests around the playground equipment. Currently there are no benches in close proximity to this area and many adults like to sit and watch their children playing. Mrs. Kreutter also requested that the water fountain be operable at the park.

Mr. Richard Kreutter requested that the public works department level and smooth out the sand at Nokomis Beach. Mr. Kreutter suggested that sand be added to the Main Beach. He reported that there are several large boulders in the shallow water near the lifeguard stand at the main beach. These boulders will need to be removed with a bobcat. Mr. Kreutter asked why there is not a diving board off the dock. The committee thought that the liability insurance may be the reason. Staff will look into this matter and report back the Park Committee regarding the absence of the diving board.

The Committee thanked Mr. & Mrs. Kreutter for their comments and suggestions.

**Thorpe Park**

The Committee agreed that new picnic tables were needed for the pavilion area. The green waffle style picnic tables could be relocated to Robinson's Beach.

Remove the yellow bike rack and install four new benches around the play area, two benches with back rests and two without.

Replace the bench at the top of the sliding hill.

Install a bench with a backrest, across the path from ball Field 1 under the trees, if the budget allows (*optional*).

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Remove three benches on the south side of the park, two along Minnetonka Boulevard and one under the tree. Install one of the old benches near the ice rink to sit on while putting on or removing skates.

Remind public works to install the tennis back board on the south side of the first court near the west door.

Add two trash containers to the park. One near the tennis court and one near the basketball court.

Remove dead tree along the swale, east of the hockey rink. Remove vines from the pine tree near the swale and trim out the dead branches.

Repaint the green team benches at Field 2 along Rutledge Road and replace two benches with new benches without backs.

Replace the broken boards on the horseshoe pit.

Bryan Sykora will get an estimate on new backboards for the basketball court.

### **Main Beach**

Install a sign on the sports court – *No Dogs on Sports Court*.

Look at the sports court and fix the bulge in the court.

Remove pile of brush and Christmas tree at the end of the beach.

Remove boulders from shallow water at beach and add more sand to the beach.

The deforestation/over trimming of the hill behind the main beach that leads up to the homes overlooking that beach.

Yard waste being deposited at the bottom of the slope south of main beach.

### **Nokomis Beach**

Grade beach and smooth out sand.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Park Committee adjourned by consent at 8:15P.M. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Park Committee will be held on Wednesday, June 6, 2007 at 7:00P.M. at City Hall.

Respectfully submitted,  
Shelley Souers