

Deephaven Park Committee
July 10, 2007

PARK COMMITTEE MEETING
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Minutes

Present: Jennifer Young, Darel Gustafson, Peggy Beardsley, Lucy Hicks, Bryan Sykora and Woody Woodburn,

Absent: John Dupont, Hans Larson, John Flynn and Council Liaison John Wheaton.

At 7:00 P.M. a quorum was not present. Those present discussed the upcoming Deephaven Days.

DEEPHAVEN DAYS

Darel Gustafson stated that he has ordered 250 runner's bibs for \$200. He is working on the timing clock issue and will keep working on that.

Peggy Beardsley suggested that she would contact Bill Wenmark on the type of chip that is used for the Legends Run.

Darel Gustafson reported that the roads will be marked with spray chalk and the directional signs will be set up the morning of the race.

Lucy Hicks stated that volunteers will be needed to help setup the route in the morning.

Darel Gustafson stated that he will meet with the run captains and they will organize their portion of the route.

Woody Woodburn arrived at 7:20 P.M.

Lucy Hicks reported that the life guards are scheduled, and they have met with the police department regarding officers on duty. The banners are being updated.

Darel Gustafson stated that he will bring two stop watches to be used to start the race.

Lucy Hicks noted that she will be the last one off the beach and then ask the police to sweep the area.

Bryan Sykora has ordered 1500 flyers. Race information will be printed on the front and registration form will be on the back. The Park Committee will break into teams and paper the neighborhood in the next two-three weeks.

Woody Woodburn suggested creating a Deephaven Days event box. The box would include a stop watch and volunteer t-shirts, the banners etc...

Darel Gustafson suggested that the City purchase vests to be worn by the volunteers each year.

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Staff will check on a price point for the vests and report to the Park Committee.

Lucy Hicks suggested the City order 40-50 vests and she will get the Deephaven log silk-screened on the back of each. Based on the delivery time, the silk-screen logo may have to be done after the event.

Tim Sullivan has agreed to coordinate the food from the Cottagewood Store. He would like an estimate on the number of meals.

Lucy Hicks stated that the Park Committee needs to be available after the race and picnic to cleanup the park area. She also reported that John Flynn has scheduled the band for the picnic.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Woody Woodburn called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM., declaring a quorum.

MINUTES – June 6, 2007

The Committee approved the June 6, 2007 minutes as submitted on a motion by Peggy Beardsley and seconded by Lucy Hicks. Motion carried 5-0.

PADDLE TENNIS PARK IMPROVEMENTS

Woody Woodburn thanked Peggy Beardsley for spearheading the Paddle Tennis Park improvements meeting.

Peggy Beardsley reported that a group of residents met on June 26 to discuss goals and a vision for improvements to the paddle tennis area. She also met separately with landscaper, Chuck Cox regarding the area. The group outlined several goals and discussed options to improve the area.

Woody Woodburn suggested a good next step would be for the Park Committee to review several landscape proposals for the park area. The meeting notes outlined several clear goals for the space which included cleaning up the trees and closing off the side road access.

Peggy Beardsley suggested the most beneficial plan will accommodate incremental park improvements.

Woody Woodburn thanked Peggy Beardsley for all her time organizing a group and her work so far. He encouraged other members to help in the project.

Jennifer Young stated that the improvements desired and the goals expressed to the landscaper need to be very clear.

Peggy Beardsley stated that the meeting notes should provide enough direction for a plan to be created.

Woody Woodburn suggested that Lucy and Peggy contact several landscapers and request a draft landscape plan with costs outlined for the project and a final plan design. The Park Committee can

review the plans at the August meeting. He suggested they provide the landscapers with the meeting notes and a park survey to create architectural rendering and cost estimates.

Woody Woodburn suggested that the Park Committee hold a town meeting in October to present the park improvement plans to the residents for public input. A notice can be placed in the September newsletter regarding the town meeting.

Woody Woodburn stated that cars that detach their trailers take up two parking spots versus the three spots that are needed by not detaching the trailer. It is not clear how many car-trailer parking spaces the area can accommodate. Closing one road access will limit the number of car-trailer spaces.

MAIN BEACH UPDATES

Woody Woodburn reported that Mr. Boisclair, 19400 Azure Road, has withdrawn his request to plant additional trees and curve the path along the parkway. The path will be restored back to the original width.

VEGETATION CUTTING ALONG THE HILLSIDE ADJACENT TO THE BEACH

The Park Committee expressed concern with the clear cutting of the vegetation along the hillside behind the Main Beach.

The committee agreed to seek the advice of the City Attorney regarding this matter and determine if there are encroachment issues and what options the City has.

Woody Woodburn expressed concerned with clear cutting any trees that are on the City property.

Darel Gustafson moved that the staff contact the City Attorney and request his opinion and what options the City has regarding the clear cutting along the main beach hillside and to notify the homeowner via a letter, once the Park Committee discusses the options. Peggy Beardsley seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Woody confirmed that the request to the City Attorney be to solicit his opinion and the City's options regarding this area.

Bryan Sykora arrived 8:24 P.M.

BUCKTHORN ALONG LRT

Woody Woodburn reported that Xcel has completed cutting the buckthorn along the LRT.

DRAINAGE SWALE AT THORPE PARK

The committee reviewed a letter from Fred Zimmerman, 18125 Fairhomes Lane, expressing concern with a possible infestation of mosquitoes due to the drainage ditch's ability to adequately drain water. The grass has been allowed to grow to provide habitat for animals and birds. Mr. Zimmerman's letter noted that water is impeded by the growth of the vegetation, which causes puddles, thereby creating a breeding ground for mosquitoes.

Darel Gustafson noted that the purpose of a drainage ditch is for drainage.

Woody Woodburn stated that the ditch is designed to drain water off the ball fields and direct it into Thorpe Pond. The ditch does a good job of getting water off the ball field so it is working in that respect.

The Committee agreed that the Metropolitan Mosquito Control be contacted to review the area and to send a letter to Mr. Zimmerman regarding his concern with mosquitoes, notifying him that the area will be looked at.

HILL PARK IMPROVEMENTS

Mayor Paul Skrede had asked the Park Committee to look at and consider planting arborvitae or other plantings along the back side of Hill Park (Chowen Corner area) to screen the property behind the park and to bring some definition to the park area.

Woody Woodburn was concerned that Arborvitae trees need sun and the park area is predominately shade.

Lucy Hicks suggested Cyprus or Cedar trees as a possible planting for the park area.

Bryan Sykora suggested that the park should have a sign denoting the park space.

Jennifer Young suggested that any decision be postponed until after the winter season to get a good idea of what the space looks like through all seasons. A fence with vines may be an option in lieu of trees.

Woody Woodburn stated that the Park Committee revisit the landscape and signage discussion at the March 2008 meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Peggy Beardsley will check with Tim Sullivan to learn if a dessert will be part of the meal for Deephaven Days.

The Deephaven Days meal price will be \$4.00 and the City will give the Cottagewood Store an additional \$1.00 for every meal sold. The City will provide a meal ticket to police and fire personnel on duty at Deephaven Days. Peggy Beardsley will contact the Cottagewood Store for several meal tickets.

Jennifer Young reported that the ladder on the Rocky Beach dock appears to be loose. Staff will ask the public works crew to check on the ladder.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Jennifer Young and seconded by Lucy Hicks. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Park Committee will be held on Wednesday, August 1, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. at City Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Shelley Souers