

PARK COMMITTEE MEETING

June 5, 2012

Minutes

Call Meeting to Order

Chairman John Flynn called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

Members Present

John Flynn, Cindy Webster, Scott Ferguson, Jim Elvestrom and City Administrator Dana Young

Members Absent

Peggy Beardsley, Patrick Regan, Rebecca Sundquist

May 1, 2012 Minutes

The Committee approved the May 1, 2012 minutes on a motion by Jim Elvestrom, seconded by Cindy Webster. Motion carried 4-0.

Matters from the Floor

Scott Ferguson stated that there has been a lot of interest expressed by a number of residents to concrete one of the City's hockey rinks to allow for longer play through the winter months. He stated that the rink could also be used for rollerblading in the summer. He stated that there has even been some discussion about installing a refrigeration unit.

He stated that these residents have been willing to explore various fund raising opportunities, including a potential partnership with Minnetonka Youth Hockey Association.

The Committee stated that any future plan should be submitted to the Park Committee for their review.

Leslie Gustafson, Park Committee Candidate

Dana Young introduced Leslie Gustafson, 18570 Lake Avenue, as a potential Park Committee candidate. At the request of the Committee, Leslie provided a brief history of her life prior to and since moving to Deephaven last year.

Resignation of Peggy Beardsley

Dana Young stated that Peggy Beardsley resigned from the Park Committee effective May 29, 2012 due to concerns that she would be unable to attend a number of upcoming Park Committee meetings. He stated that her term of office would have officially expired on February 2013.

The Committee accepted the resignation of Peggy Beardsley, effective May 29, 2012, on a motion by John Flynn. Seconded by Jim Elvestrom. Motion carried 4-0.

The Committee expressed their appreciation for the many years of service Peggy Beardsley provided to the Park Committee.

Appointment of Leslie Gustafson

Motion by Cindy Webster to recommend the appointment of Leslie Gustafson to the Park Committee for an unexpired term of office effective until February 2013. Seconded by Scott Ferguson. Motion carried 4-0.

Park Reports

Committee members provided their monthly park reports:

Scott Ferguson stated that there is only one garbage can at Deephaven Beach and someone dumped hot coals in the can, which melted through the can and garbage is now spilling onto the ground. He added that the pervious asphalt at Deephaven Beach looks to be filled with sand and might need to be cleaned out.

Platform Tennis Court Project

General discussion was held regarding the Platform Tennis Court Project and funding for the project.

Jim Elvestrom stated that the City has been awarded a \$10,000 grant for this project from the American Platform Tennis Association. He stated that the funds will not be sent until the new courts have been installed.

Further discussion was held on the two courts at Flagship in Eden Prairie. Jim Elvestrom stated that Flagship wants these courts removed as soon as possible and we need to remove them this summer. He stated that he estimates that it would cost \$15,000 to \$20,000 to relocate the courts to Deephaven.

Jim Elvestrom asked if we have a location to store the courts until they can be built. Dana Young stated that the City would be able to provide a site to store the courts.

Further discussion was held on whether the courts would be constructed by volunteers or contractors. Jim Elvestrom stated that he felt it was unlikely that residents would donate 3-4 days to disassemble the courts and another 4-5 days to rebuild the courts. He stated that he has talked with Darcy Westlind and Jeff Konen, and was told that they were willing to disassemble and reconstruct the courts, with the exception of the screen, for \$15,000 - \$20,000.

Cindy Webster asked if Darcy and Jeff would be willing to donate some of their time.

Jim Elvestrom stated that he would have to ask them.

Dana Young stated that due to this being a City project, competitive bids would be required for dissembling and reconstructing the courts. Jim Elvestrom noted that we had already received two bids from outside contractors on this project. Dana Young stated that the Council would want to make sure that the bids were comparable.

Further discussion was held on the financing of the project. Jim Elvestrom stated that the \$10,000 grant from the APTA would be received once the project is completed, \$1,600 has been raised from the Platform Tennis tournament, and he felt another \$10,000 could be raised through private donations. He stated that this would leave approximately \$30,000 for the City to fund.

Further discussion was held on meeting with the City Council on June 18th to provide an overview of the Platform Tennis Court Project. Jim Elvestrom stated that he will be out of town on June 18th but John Flynn indicated that he would be available to update the Council

Jim Elvestrom stated that the top priority is to get the courts moved from Flagship to Deephaven.

Final discussion was held on the possibility of charging non-residents to use the court to offset the cost of annual maintenance.

Eagle Scout Project

Dana Young reported that the Burton Park dock will be repaired this summer as part of an Eagle Scout Project.

Other

Discussion was held on Rebecca Sundquist's attendance at Park Committee meetings. The members acknowledged that Rebecca was a valuable member when she was able to attend meetings but had only attended 4 meetings since she first was appointed in January 2011. The members stated that with the ongoing difficulties in achieving a quorum of members at meetings, it was necessary to find another volunteer who would be able to make the meetings.

Motion by Jim Elvestrom to recommend the appointment of another member to replace Rebecca Sundquist due to her poor attendance at Committee meetings. Seconded by John Flynn. Motion carried 4-0.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Scott Ferguson, seconded by Cindy Webster. Motion carried 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Park Committee will be held on Tuesday, August 7, 2012.