

PARK COMMITTEE MEETING

May 1, 2012

Minutes

Call Meeting to Order

Chairman John Flynn called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Members Present

John Flynn, Patrick Regan, Peggy Beardsley, Jim Elvestrom and City Administrator Dana Young

Members Absent

Cindy Webster, Scott Ferguson and Rebecca Sundquist

January 23, 2012 Minutes

The Committee approved the January 23, 2012 minutes on a motion by Jim Elvestrom, seconded by Peggy Beardsley. Motion carried 4-0.

Matters from the Floor

There were no Matters from the Floor this evening.

Xcel Energy Transmission Line Project (Woody Woodburn)

Woody Woodburn, 4210 Chimo East, was present to discuss the proposed Xcel Energy Transmission Line Project. He provided a brief review of the project and the proposed increase in the transmission line from 69 kV to 115 kV. He stated that the increase in the transmission line will require taller support poles and added that Xcel also planned an expansion in the size of the existing Deephaven substation.

He stated that Xcel's alternate route proposes to relocate the transmission line along Hwy 7 and down Vine Hill Road to the Deephaven substation. He stated that he has proposed yet another option whereby the transmission line would extend along Hwy 7 and the Deephaven substation would be relocated to Hwy 7.

Peggy Beardsley asked about Xcel Energy's reaction to this option.

Woody Woodburn stated that Xcel is not very enthusiastic due to the extra cost of relocating the transmission line and moving the substation. He stated that the relocation to Hwy 7 would still improve the overall electrical reliability throughout Deephaven and would move the transmission lines and substation out of Deephaven. He recommended that if the Park Committee supported this option, the Committee could submit a resolution to the City Council requesting consideration of the alternate route along Hwy 7 and relocating the Deephaven substation to Hwy 7.

Motion by Peggy Beardsley to recommend that the City Council send a letter to the Department of Commerce in support of the alternate route along Hwy 7 and the relocation of the Deephaven substation to Hwy 7. Seconded by Patrick Regan. Motion carried 4-0.

Woody Woodburn stated that it would be helpful if other neighboring communities could be contacted and asked to support the alternate route.

Park Reports

Committee members provided their monthly park reports:

Peggy Beardsley stated that the buildings and grounds look great. She recommended moving the cork pads at Village Hall Park underneath the playground equipment.

Jim Elvestrom stated that, likely owing to the warm winter, he has seen much less dog droppings at Thorpe Park this spring.

Platform Tennis Court Acquisition

Dana Young stated that a grant application had been sent by Jim Elvestrom and John Flynn to the American Platform Tennis Association (APTA) to assist with the costs of relocating and renovating two platform courts that are currently not in use at Lifetime Fitness in Eden Prairie. He stated that, due to the unavailability of Jim and John, Mayor Paul Skrede and he participated in the presentation of the grant before the APTA grant committee. He stated that he thought the committee members seemed very supportive of Deephaven's project but cautioned that there were a total of eight applicants requesting funding, which presented the real possibility that we might receive less than the \$20,000 that we had requested.

Jim Elvestrom noted that he received an email from Lifetime Fitness asking if we were still interested in acquiring the two courts. He stated that he informed them that we were still interested and would have more definitive information for them later in May.

Patrick Regan exits at 7:47 p.m.

Youth Sports Grant Opportunities

Discussion was held on the possibility of submitting a grant to the Hennepin County Youth Sports Grant Program. Dana Young stated that a grant could be submitted to the Hennepin County Youth Sports Grant Program on behalf of the platform tennis court project. John Flynn noted that the application would have to be centered on the use of the courts by young adults and children due to the emphasis of the grant program.

Dana Young also suggested that a grant could also be submitted for the renovation of Shuck Park.

Shuck Park Tennis Court Resurfacing

Dana Young stated that the Shuck Park tennis courts were experiencing problems with peeling paint so the City has contracted with Upper Midwest Athletic Construction to resurface the two courts at a cost of \$8,400.00

Other

Discussion was held on ongoing attendance problems with the current membership and whether there may need to be a change in membership to ensure the Park Committee is able to have a quorum of members present at future meetings.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Jim Elvestrom, seconded by Peggy Beardsley. Motion carried 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Park Committee will be held on Tuesday, June 5, 2012.