

## PARK COMMITTEE MEETING

October 2, 2012

### Minutes

#### Call Meeting to Order

Chairman John Flynn called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

#### Members Present

John Flynn, Patrick Regan, Jim Elvestrom, Leslie Gustafson, Cindy Webster, Scott Ferguson, and City Administrator Dana Young

#### Members Absent

None

#### September 11, 2012 Minutes

The Committee approved the September 11, 2012 minutes on a motion by Cindy Webster, seconded by Patrick Regan. Motion carried 5-0.

#### Matters from the Floor

There were no Matters from the Floor this evening.

#### Park Reports

Jim Elvestrom enters at 7:05 p.m.

Committee members provided their monthly park reports:

Leslie Gustafson stated that she has received great feedback on the repainting of the Thorpe Park warming house. Several other Committee members agreed that they have also received very positive comments on the warming house.

#### Proposed 2013 Project List

The Committee reviewed the following list of potential projects:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Est. Cost</u>
Purchase (4) Benches for Thorpe Park	\$ 4,000
Install Thorpe Park Tennis Court Lights	\$25,000
Upgrade Thorpe Park Restrooms	\$60,000
Purchase Adjustable Basketball Hoop	\$ 3,000
Uniform Park Signs (8)	\$ 6,800
Purchase Mesh Tennis Court Screens	\$ 4,000
Replace Deephaven Beach Swimming Dock	\$35,000
Robinson's Bay Grill	\$ 700
Purchase (2) Shade Structures at Deephaven Beach	\$ 7,000
Replace Thorpe Park Slide	\$ 1,500
Replace Burton Park Sign	\$ 1,700
Replace Burton Park Wooden Stairs	\$ 5,000
Repair Burton Park Nature Dock	\$ 1,500

Discussion was held on different styles and materials that could be used to replace the Deephaven Beach swimming dock. Scott Ferguson stated that he would look into alternate materials that could be used for a new swimming dock.

Cindy Webster suggested the installation of a shade structure near the Thorpe Park playground to accommodate parents who are watching their kids on the play structures. Jim Elvestrom suggested installing a shade structure with benches near the climbing wall. The Commission members decided to review this area to locate potential sites for a shade structure and to evaluate the current location of benches.

Discussion was held regarding the installation of restroom facilities at Thorpe Park vs. contracting for the installation of an upgraded, handicapped accessible porta-potty. It was noted that the warming house might have to be modified to accommodate the larger porta-potty or a fence enclosure might have to be installed around the larger porta-potty. The Committee recommended moving forward with a handicapped porta-potty rather than a full upgrade of the restroom facilities.

Scott Ferguson recommended adding simple amenities to the warming houses such as additional rubber mats, hooks for clothing, shelves, and new hockey goals. The Committee asked Scott to review each warming house and give his recommendation on what minor upgrades are needed. In addition, John Flynn and Scott Ferguson offered to inspect the hockey boards.

Discussion was held on the purchase of an adjustable basketball hoop for the court at Thorpe Park. Jim Elvestrom stated that he felt an adjustable hoop would attract younger children to the basketball court.

Scott Ferguson suggested that a Master Park Plan should be undertaken to provide a comprehensive review of our park facilities. He stated that a master plan would provide a much more comprehensive approach to future park improvements. He estimated a Master Park Plan would cost between \$10,000 - \$20,000.

Further discussion was held on the purchase of a grill for Robinson's Bay Beach.

#### **Update on Platform Tennis Project**

Dana Young provided an update on the Platform Tennis Court Project. He stated that the project will begin on October 29<sup>th</sup> and is expected to take approximately two weeks to complete. He noted that the City crew has already begun dismantling the existing platform court. He added that a grant will be submitted to the Hennepin Youth Sports Grant program to assist with the costs of installing the new courts and the construction of a warming hut.

Further discussion was held on the potential cost of the propane heating units and the possibility of establishing a reservation policy to ensure the development of leagues. Scott Ferguson suggested holding a special meeting following the construction of the courts to discuss a variety of operational issues of the courts. Jim Elvestrom stated that this meeting might be premature and suggested waiting until later in the season to discuss any issues that might emerge from the first two months of play.

#### **Cancellation of the November 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

Dana Young stated the November 6<sup>th</sup> Park Committee will be cancelled due to a conflict with the General Election.

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Scott Ferguson, seconded by Jim Elvestrom. Motion carried 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Park Committee will be held on Tuesday, December 4, 2012.