

Minutes

City of Falcon Heights, Park and Recreation Commission Meeting
October 11, 2010
6:30PM
Curtiss Field

Meeting Chair: Annie Green

Minutes By: Michelle Tesser

Present members: Paul Faust, Lonetta Hanson, Gary Kwong, Melissa Weber-Sanders

Youth member: Luke Mielke

Staff: Michelle Tesser

Council Liaison: Keith Gosline

Absent: Serena Jones-White, Annie Green, Matthew Waite, Tim Pittman

1. Meeting called to order 6:35 PM

2. Approval of minutes September 13, 2010
Approved by Hanson and Faust

3. Staff Report

a. Fall program update- Michelle Tesser

Fall Mini Soccer: 15 registrations

Fall Super Soccer: 14 registrations

Fall Tennis Thursday evenings: 8 registrations

Fall Tennis Saturday 1pm: 5 registrations

Fall Yoga is getting more registrations every week, received 7 registrations for Family Yoga this weekend.

Fall TKD has continued doing well, registrations are higher than previous years for fall. Added an intermediate/advanced class during Fall 2 session.

- Equipment replacement: 2011 we will be replacing soccer balls and tennis balls because they are in poor shape.
- TKD pads and mats will be bought in 2010 for the new intermediate/advanced TKD class.

Tesser provided the Commission with enrollment numbers from 2001-2010.

b. Fall Events- Michelle Tesser

Wendy's Wiggle, Jiggle, Jam had a very good turn out with approx 25 kids and 25 adults. Pictures of the event are on the Parks and Recreation website under events.

Fire Department Open House/Touch A Truck- Event was a perfect weather day. We went through all 8 bags of popcorn (usually 3) and 144 firefighter hats (usually less than 100). Tesser showed the pictures that were in the Roseville Review. And also, let the commission know that pictures of the events are on our website under the events section.

c. Public Works update

Public works has been working on mowing, street sweeping and changing equipment over for the winter.

d. Other updates

Fall Clean-up at Curtiss Field, October 30th at 10am, please bring a rake and gloves

A resident Eagle Scout is interested in adopting Community Park and sanding benches. He will be sending me his proposal in the next couple of weeks.

5. Discussion on Commission's individual needs assessment for future park improvement.

At our September 13, 2010 meeting Miller handed out the 5 year CIP. Miller asked that the Commission discuss future improvements of the park. The reconstruct of the tennis court was reexamined. The total reconstruct cost would be \$120k. USTA grant will share the cost but require higher specifications than originally projected. The city would be responsible for \$80,000 for reconstruction costs that includes new court, nets, chain link fence and lighting. This amount would effectively deplete the Parks Capital Improvement Funds. The commission was asked to consider all areas of improvement in the parks and was given a list of the parks. As homework, Tesser requested each commissioner visit the parks and complete the needs assessment looking at improvements that should be done including practical

uses and facility updates. The commissioners came up with the following improvements:

- New lighting poles- CP and CF
- Backstop chain link – CP
- Benches – CP
- Exercise stations updated- CP
- Reconcrete around park building- CP
- Fill sandbox- CP
- Replace swing chains- CP
- Replace springy seats- CP
- New flooring in building- CP
- Adjustable basketball hoops- CP
- Buy a popcorn machine
- Horseshoe course at a park
- Amphitheatre at a park
- Sculpture garden at a park
- Water splash pad- CP
- Soccer team/spectator benches
- Van for participant travel (kids field trips, sports-competition with other cities, use of other parks facilities, to and from parks CP, CF, FHE, L)
- New Tennis Courts (including fence, lighting poles, tennis bang board)

(CP- Community Park, CF- Curtiss Field, FHE- Falcon Heights Elementary, L- Lauderdale)

The commission also provided maintenance concerns:

- Painting lot lines in parking lot- CF
- Fix drinking fountain- CF
- Landscape- CP, CF
- Comply with legal requirements of pea rocks at playgrounds

The commission also discussed and recommended supply updating:

- Transportable soccer nets
- New soccer balls, tennis balls, basketballs
- New TKD pads and mats

8. New Business

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9. Adjournment – Adjourned at 7:45pm

Next Park Commission meeting will be Monday, November 8th at Curtis Fields

Minutes respectfully submitted by Michelle Tesser. If there are any corrections or additions, please contact Michelle Tesser by phone at 651-792-7617 or by email at Michelle.tesser@falconheights.org