

Park Board Meeting – March 5, 2012  
Minutes

The March 5, 2012 City of Lino Lakes Park Board meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. by Chair George Lindy.

Roll call was taken; members present were, George Lindy, Bill Kusterman, Richard Jensen, Pat Huelman and Byron Roland. Members absent were Matt Koehn and Charles Evans.

Also present was Rick DeGardner, Public Services Director and Sandie Wood, Public Services Department Office Tech II.

**1. SWEARING IN OF REAPPOINTED MEMBERS:**

Mayor Jeff Reinter swore in reappointed members William Kusterman and Byron Roland.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JULY 5, 2011:**

Bill Kusterman made a motion to approve the December 12, 2011 minutes. Pat Huelman seconded the motion and the minutes were approved as written.

**4. SETTING AGENDA:**

There were no changes to the agenda.

**5. OPEN MIKE:**

There was no one present for open mike.

**6. DISCUSSION WITH MR. KELLY SHARKEY, 174 WHITE PINE ROAD:**

Mr. Kelly Sharkey, 174 White Pine Road was present at the meeting. Staff included three attachments in the packet for members to review.

Mr. Sharkey gave the board his background and said he wanted to address the lack of park and trail opportunities in this neighborhood. He said the park has some playground equipment, a lot of cattails by the pond and only a few kids. He also mentioned that the city brushed out the park and he wasn't happy with the results. He feels this park has been neglected by the Park Board for a long time. Mr. Sharkey has talked to residents and most of them agree with his opinion about this park.

Park Board Members and staff told him what was visioned for this park when it was originally master planned. There had been plans to attain 6-8 acres to make this park larger. They are still waiting for regional trail development and could maybe put in a boardwalk, over the pond, if funding becomes available. He was told that no money is available right now to do anything in this park.

Board members had concerns about the cost and effectiveness of what Mr. Sharkey had in mind for this park. The chair recapped the situation by saying the regional park has not been developed and the city is lacking in funds. He said that when the county develops the area the city will need to make it a priority and do something with the park.

Staff will talk to the Lino Lakes Environmental Coordinator and respond back to the Park Board at the next meeting.

**7. 2012 RECREATION COMPLEX GRANT APPLICATION UPDATE:**

Mr. DeGardner started by saying that staff is finalizing the Outdoor Recreation Grant application for Phase 1 development of the Recreation Complex. This grant program is provided by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and is designed to assist local governments in developing outdoor recreational facilities. (This is the same program where the City successfully secured \$125,000 for the development of Clearwater Creek Park).

He said Phase I consists of two multi-use fields (may include soccer, football or lacrosse fields), two baseball fields and a gravel parking lot. Applications must be submitted by March 31 with funding announcements made in the summer.

**8. REVIEW RECREATION DEPARTMENT UPDATE:**

Rick reviewed the update included in the member's packets. He talked about the strange skating rink season we had this year, the Snack and Skate Program, Open Volleyball and Zumba Classes.

He told members there were approximately 600 participants at Snow Day and that attendance at the Sweetheart Party and Super Hero's Camp was good.

He said Kudos to Tanya for the great job she is doing with the Senior Programs and the Senior Appreciation Lunch was a success.

He also told members the brochure is out and that registration has begun for the spring and summer programs.

Rick asked members to read the update and contact him if they had any questions.

**9. REVIEW PARK DEPARTMENT UPDATE:**

Rick did a review of the Park Department Update. He told members that because of the terrible rink season we had it allowed staff to do a lot of boulevard and park tree pruning.

He asked members to read over the update and to contact him if they had any questions.

**10. OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

**11. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Review Park Board Member's Roster**

Rick asked members to look over the Park Board Roster and let Sandie know if any changes, to phone numbers or e-mail addresses, needed to be made.

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**NEXT PARK BOARD MEETING:**

The next Park Board Meeting will be Monday, April 2, 2012, at 6:30p.m.

**ADJOURN:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandra Wood  
Public Services Office Tech II