

Park Board Meeting – June 12, 2013  
Minutes

The June 12, 2013 City of Lino Lakes Park Board meeting was called to order at ~~6:35pm~~ 5:35p.m. by Chair George Lindy.

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

Also present was Rick DeGardner, Public Services Director, Michael Grochala, Community Development Director, Katie Larson, City Planner and Sandie Wood, Public Services Department Office Tech II.

**1. SWEAR IN REAPPOINTED PARK BOARD MEMBER – PAT HUELMAN**

Sandie Wood, Public Services Department Office Tech II, swore in reappointed member Pat Huelman at the end of the meeting.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM AUGUST 6, 2012:**

Bill Kusterman made a motion to approve the August 6, 2012 minutes. Charles Evans seconded the motion and the minutes were approved as written.

**3. SETTING AGENDA:**

There were no changes to the agenda.

**4. OPEN MIKE:**

There was no one present for open mike.

**6b. BEHM'S PARK MEMORIAL BENCH REQUEST:**

Rick told members that a young boy in the Behm's Park neighborhood passed away in March. A group of residents has approached staff requesting that a concrete bench be installed near the playground area to keep his memory alive in the place that he loved and visited multiple times a day, every day throughout the summers.

He said the parents of the boy stated, "The ideal placement would be near the playground, as this is the closest to his "favorite spot." It would allow them to be able to sit and reflect and watch the kids play while at the same time feel connected to their son. They also thought this would help provide extra seating for the many parents and children that visit this playground over the busy summer months, and it would give so many of their neighbors who have been touched by their son's life the opportunity to see and reflect on the purpose for that bench being there as well".

Rick asked Park Board members to view the neighborhoods comments in the memo he included in the packet.

Rick said there are currently two standard wood park benches adjacent to the playground area. He has not received any specific design ideas regarding the back of the bench. In the past, he

added, city staff has typically installed a concrete pad and the park bench. The bench would be purchased directly by the area residents. The boy's name will be inscribed on the bench. The primary question for the Park Board to consider is the specific placement of the memorial bench. Mrs. Davies asked if the bench could be placed near the playground by the other benches.

Charles Evans made a motion to work with the neighborhood group and place the bench near the playground. He asked that the city dedicate staffing resources to put down a cement pad to place the bench on, and to plant trees near the bench in the future. Bill Kusterman seconded the motion and it was approved.

Rick thanked Mrs. Davies and the other residents for coming to Park Board meeting.

**6a. REVIEW CENTURY FARM NORTH DEVELOPMENT:**

Rick reviewed the memo included in the member's packet. He said the information was provided by Michael Grochala, Community Development Director.

Rick said Gary Uhde, the developer of Century Farm North, is requesting an amendment of the Century Farm North Planned Unit Development (PUD). The amendment includes the creation of 12 additional lots and vacation of approximately .757 acres of previously dedicated parkland. The vacated parkland would be used to create 3 additional lots along Robinson Drive. The newly created lots would be subject to the City's Park Dedication fee of \$2,500 per lot. Additionally the City would need to be reimbursed for the value of the land dedication made at the original time of approval. The value of the land dedication at the time of original approval was established at \$50,000/acre. Assuming acceptance of this request the following park dedication requirement would need to be met:

.757 acres *\$50,000 (value of land at time of dedication) =	\$37,850
12 lots @ \$2,500 payment in lieu =	<u>\$30,000</u>
	\$67,850

Rick asked members to note that .757 acres may include wetland. Only upland should be used to calculate the reimbursement amount.

On a separate note unsuitable soils were used for fill material on approximately 3-4 acres of the dedicated parkland. He said Mr. Uhde is responsible for correcting this situation.

Michael informed members that the Planning and Zoning Board is meeting this evening and he wants to take this item to that board. He also talked about the Rice Creek Watershed District doing a wetland delineation report in 2006. There was also discussion about the placement of a trail in the upland area.

Matt Koehn made a motion to sell back .757 acres to the developer, for the value of the land at time of dedication, for \$37,850 and to accept \$30,000 Park Dedication for the 12 newly created

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lots. Total payment would be \$67,850 and should go for development in the Behm's area. Pat Huelman seconded the motion and it was approved.

Mr. Grochala talked to the members about current and possible future development in the city. He touched on the gas station and liquor store opening soon at the corner of Lake Drive and Main Street, a McDonalds going in west of the freeway on the 35E corridor, a 36 unit senior living addition at the old Country Inn and Suites site and the possible development of 80 acres south of Cedar Street on the west side of the freeway.

**7. ADOPT MEETING CALENDAR FOR 2013:**

Included in the packet was a memo with staff's recommendations for 2013. It is as follows:

Monday, January 7, 2013	Monday, July 1, 2013
Monday, February 4, 2013	Monday, August 5, 2013
Monday, March 4, 2013	Tuesday, September 2, 2013, 6pm – Tour and BBQ
Monday, April 1, 2013	Monday, October 7, 2013
Monday, May 6, 2013	Monday, November 4, 2013
Monday, June 3, 2013	Monday, December 2, 2013

After discussion it was decided to not have a meeting in July and that the September meeting should be on Monday, September 9. Rick asked members to contact him with suggestions for the tour. Members thought the tour should include Century Farm. There was discussion about the condition of the tennis courts in Arena Acres Park and what should be done.

**8. REVIEW 2013 PARK BOARD ROSTER – NOTIFY SECRETARY OF ANY ERRORS:**

Rick asked members to review the 2013 Park Board roster and notify Sandie if there was anything that needed to be changed.

**9. REVIEW PARKS DEPARTMENT UPDATE:**

Rick did a review of the Park Department Update. He talked about the assembly and placement of 20 recycling containers throughout the parks and the placement of a big container by the Fire District building on Lake Drive.

There has been 4 new Dogipot stations installed making a total of 13 stations throughout the park system. The Dogipot stations are heavily used.

Mr. DeGardner talked about Ash Tree inventory and the number of Ash Trees in the parks. He told members that staff is removing small diameter and poor condition class Ash Trees in Country Lakes Parks and their goal is to remove approximately 90% of the Ash trees within the next three years. The high value Ash that we plan to keep will have to be chemically treated. It is anticipated that we will find Emerald Ash Borer in the city within the next five years. Our plan is to take a proactive rather than a reactive approach to managing our city Ash Trees. Rick also talked about the Japanese Beetle problem in Brandywood Park and what has been done to correct the problem.

**10. REVIEW RECREATION DEPARTMENT UPDATE:**

Rick talked about the Recreation review included in the packets. He said that staff training for the Playground Program is currently taking place and it is anticipated that it will be another fun year for participants. There are currently 400 kids enrolled in the program.

Tanya is still doing the programming for the Senior Center and that Blue Heron Days event has now been added to the Recreation Department's programming. The event includes a parade, an evening movie, live entertainment, 5 K run, vendors and business booths and a giant slide.

He also mentioned Kite day which took place at Rice Lake Elementary on June 8<sup>th</sup>.

He asked members to contact him if they had any questions after reviewing the update memo.

**10a. YOUTH FOOTBALL PROGRAM LETTER:**

Rick told members that after twelve seasons of providing a youth football league for area youth, the City of Lino Lakes is cancelling its 2013 football program. He said this was a decision that was not taken lightly and was well thought out after meeting with the recently formed Centennial Football Association (CFA) Board.

In 2001, several members from the local football community approached the City of Lino Lakes and inquired whether we could provide youth football. For twelve seasons the City of Lino Lakes took great pride in administering youth football here in the community. During this past offseason it became apparent that the newly created Centennial Football Association had been gaining support and has a solid plan in place to serve the football community. The CFA is similar, if not identical to our football program in many facets. For example, the CFA program has a similar fee structure, the same philosophy related to team formations, and will be competing in the Twin Cities North Youth Football League (TCNYF), the same league we have been playing in for years. Rather than directly compete for participants with the CFA, we feel it's in everyone's best interest to not duplicate efforts of the CFA.

The City of Lino Lakes staff would like to say a great big "Thank You" for all who have supported us and the program for the past twelve seasons. It has been a pleasure serving the residents not only of the Lino Lakes, but also Circle Pines, Centerville, Lexington, and Blaine over the past decade plus. We would like to thank the thousands of parents, fans, officials, players and coaches for making our program one of the top football programs in the metro area!.

Rick said the new organization has the backing of the Centennial High School Varsity Coach. Some of the difficulties CFA is going to face is the startup and equipment costs.

**11. NEXT PARK BOARD MEETING:**

The next Park Board Meeting will be Monday, August 5, 2013, at 6:30pm.

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**12. ADJOURN:**

After a motion the Park Board Meeting was adjourned at 6:35p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandra Wood  
Public Services Office Tech II

These minutes were corrected and approved at the January 6, 2014 Park Board Meeting.