

Park Board Meeting –November 14, 2011
Minutes

The November 14, 2011 City of Lino Lakes Park Board meeting was called to order at 6:46 p.m. by Chair George Lindy.

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

Also present was Rick DeGardner, Public Services Director and Sandie Wood, Public Services Department Office Manager. Council Members Dave Roeser and Rob Rafferty were also in attendance.

1. SWEARING IN OF REAPPOINTED MEMBER GEORGE LINDY:

At 7:07 p.m. Mayor Jeff Reinter swore in reappointed Member George Lindy.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JULY 5, 2011:

Charles Evans made a motion to approve the July 5, 2011 minutes. Richard Jensen 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. LEGACY GRANT FUNDING DISCUSSION WITH COUNCIL MEMBER ROESER:

Councilmembers Dave Roeser and Rob Rafferty came before the Park Board to discuss the Legacy Grant Funding meeting Roeser had attended. He stated that there is approximately \$200M that may be used to fund trails, parks or clean water projects. He said that Forest Lake had received \$73,000 from the Clean Water Funding Area of the Legacy Act.

Roeser has talked to Representative Linda Runbeck on how to obtain funds for projects in Lino Lakes. She told him that the city could draw something up and take it to the Minnesota Legislature or try to obtain corporate funding.

There was discussion on the recreation complex site and how to fund this project. Councilman Roeser said that now was not the time to do a referendum but maybe the board could look at other forms of funding or grants.

It was also suggested that maybe Lino Lakes could partner up with the City of Centerville and Anoka County as well as the Department of Natural Resources, the Historical Society and Rice Creek Watershed District to obtain funding from the Legacy Grant. Mr. Roeser thought the more regional collaboration Lino Lakes did the more chance of success in obtaining funds.

After further discussion it was decided that Rick should contact someone from the Legacy group to get more information on this grant. Rick said he would also contact WSB Engineering to see if he could get a grant writer to come to a future meeting and talk to board members. He said that WSB may also have information on this program.

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It was also suggested that he look on the Legacy Grant web site to see what other information he would be able to obtain.

Rick also wanted member to know that the City of Lino Lakes would have to fund at least 25% of the total project cost. The match has to be in cash and the project completed within 24 months. Minimum grant amount is \$20,000.

7. ADOPT MEETING CALENDAR FOR 2012:

Mr. DeGardner started by saying that the city has received no park dedication fees in 2011. He also said that there may not be a need for a meeting every month but that the board should adopt a calendar for the year.

Rick told the board that WSB has a grant writer on staff they we may ask to come to a future meeting to discuss grant writing and what grants are available.

The Park Board looked at the proposed calendar for 2012 and talked about the January and July meeting dates. After further discussion Bill Kusterman made a motion to accept the 2012 Calendar with the change that the July meeting be on Monday, July 9, 2012 at 6:30pm instead of July 2. Charles Evans seconded the motion and the meeting calendar was adopted with the July change.

The following is the approved 2012 Park Board Calendar:

Tuesday , January 3, 2012	Monday, July 9, 2012
Monday, February 6, 2012	Monday, August 6, 2012
Monday, March 5, 2012	Tuesday , September 4, 2012 – Tour and BBQ
Monday, April 2, 2012	Monday, October 1, 2012
Monday, May 7, 2012	Monday, November 5, 2012
Monday, June 4, 2012	Monday, December 3, 2012

8. WARMING HOUSE HOURS:

Rick talked about the memo included in the member's packet. He said that it was the same schedule as what was proposed for 2010/2011. He added that the city was still working with outside organizations to help maintain the rinks on weekends.

He talked about this being the third year that the warming house at City Hall has been open. He suggested that the warming house not be eliminated and that there may be a need to extend them in the future.

Members asked how the number of skaters is determined. Rick explained how staff takes a count, on the hour, each hour the warming house is open. The Board suggested that a 30 minute count be done for the 7, 8, and 9 o'clock hours, during the week and on the weekend, so it could be determined if attendance drops off at those times.

9. REVIEW RECREATION DEPARTMENT UPDATE:

Rick reviewed the update included in the member's packets. He talked about Gobbler games and the number of kids that participated in the Fall Soccer and Football Programs.

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He told members that upcoming events included, Breakfast with Santa, the Secret Holiday Shop and Letters from Santa.

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

NEXT PARK BOARD MEETING:

The next Park Board Meeting will be December 5, 2011, at 6:30p.m.

ADJOURN:

Bill Kusterman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Richard Jensen. The meeting was adjourned at 8:14p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandra Wood
Public Services Office Manager

These minutes were approved at the December 12, 2011 Park Board Meeting.