

Park Board Meeting –December 12, 2011
Minutes

The December 12, 2011 City of Lino Lakes Park Board meeting was called to order at 7:17p.m. by Chair George Lindy.

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

Mayor Jeff Reinert, Council Members Dave Roeser, Dale Stoesz, Rob Rafferty, City Administrator Jeff Karlson and Community Development Director Michael Grochala were also in attendance. Also present was Rick DeGardner, Public Services Director and Sandie Wood, Public Services Department Office Manager.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JULY 5, 2011:

Bill Kusterman made a motion to approve the November 14, 2011 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.

5. EXPLORE POTENTIAL FUNDING OPTIONS FOR RECREATION COMPLEX:

Council members Dave Roeser and Rob Rafferty came before the Park Board to explore potential funding options for the recreation complex.

Rick gave a brief review of what had happened at the November 2011 Park Board Meeting. He then introduced Brian Bourassa, PE and Kelsey Johnson, Community Planner and Grant Specialist from WSB.

Kelsey opened the meeting by saying that WSB tracks and stays informed of funding and grant opportunities. WSB has developed an extensive, web-based, searchable funding database that gives key funding representatives within their company notifications of upcoming opportunities. These alerts are distributed throughout WSB and made available to their clients.

WSB has assisted their clients with grant and funding applications that resulted in over \$80 million of financial assistance. They have a number of grant preparers skilled in numerous service areas including natural resources and environmental planning, transportation, water/wastewater, municipal, economic development, planning, water resources, GIS/IT, structures and more.

Kelsey defined some grants programs and what projects would be available through them. She mentioned Outdoor Recreation Grant Programs – MnDNR, Twins Community Fund, Baseball Tomorrow Fund (Major League Baseball and Players Association) and water resource grants. She also talked about the percentage of matching funds needed for specific grants.

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Pat Mahr, Director from Centennial Lakes Little League, told members that they had received money from a grant to demolish and rebuild a wall at Carl Eck Park in Circle Pines.

Mr. Mahr says Centennial Little League is currently using two ball fields in Lino Lakes and has been talking to one of the city's recreation supervisors about using two additional fields in 2012.

Michael Grochala, City of Lino Lakes Community Development Director says the Park Board needs to come up with a project they would like to complete. Rick DeGardner, Public Services Director said the initial investment needs to come from the city to accomplish this project.

Whatever project is decided on it should be shovel ready and addressed in the city's comp plan and park master plan.

After further discussion Mayor Jeff Reinert asked Jeff Karlson, City Administrator to put the Recreation Complex on the first work session agenda, in January 2013, so the council can discuss funding for this project.

6. REVIEW RECREATION DEPARTMENT UPDATE:

Rick reviewed the update included in the member's packets. He talked about Breakfast with Santa and the upcoming senior's appreciation lunch. He also said Men's Adult Basketball had started December 7.

He said staff had started flooding skating rinks and we had hoped to open them December 16, 2011, weather permitting.

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

7. REVIEW PARK DEPARTMENT UPDATE:

Rick started off by saying that the Park Department Update was for July through November. The review included playground inspections, mulching trees, working on trails and tree pruning.

Sunrise #4 infield was renovated in September. The pitcher's mound was rebuilt, staff edged and sodded where needed and added ag-lime and leveled the field.

He told members that there had been a lot of vandalism in 2011. Repairs were done at Pheasant Hills, Marshan, City Hall and Clearwater Creek Parks. Maintenance workers also took care of graffiti in the underground tunnel at Rice Lake Elementary School.

Members should call Rick if they have any questions about the Park Department Update.

NEXT PARK BOARD MEETING:

The next Park Board Meeting will be January 3, 2012, at 6:30p.m.

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ADJOURN:

Bill Kusterman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Pat Huelman. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandra Wood
Public Services Office Tech II

These minutes were approved at the March 5, 2012 Park Board Meeting.