

Park Board Meeting – May 4, 2009
Minutes

The May 4, 2009 City of Lino Lakes Park Board meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by George Lindy, Chair.

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

Also present were Rick DeGardner, Public Services Director and Sandie Wood, Public Services Office Manager.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MARCH 2, 2009:

Pam Taschuk made a motion to approve the March 2, 2009 minutes. Pat Huelman seconded the motion and the minutes were approved at written.

SETTING AGENDA:

There were no changes to the agenda.

OPEN MIKE:

There was no one present for open mike.

PROPOSED EAGLE PROJET AT ARENA ACRES PARK:

Rick told members that Mr. Hunter Hallstrom approached the city to consider the placement of a “pergola” type structure at Arena Acres Park for his Eagle Scout Project. Included in Mr. Hallstrom’s proposal (attached 5-1 to 5-7) is an aerial shot of the proposed site, materials required, and schematic views from the top, side and front.

Mr. DeGardner gave the Board background of Arena Acres Park (519 Andall Street). He said it is a one acre park consisting of two tennis courts, basketball court, and small playground structure (attached 5-9). This park has not been master planned.

The proposed project consists of using green treated wood. This simple design consists of placing 6x8 boards spaced 1’ across (attached 5-4). Rick said we need to be sure the end product is visually appealing and well constructed. He said perhaps Mr. Hallstrom can consider designing a more visually appealing project such as the example attached (5-10). Rick said that since the city is ultimately responsible for the end result we need to make sure that this project will fit our standards from an aesthetic, on-going maintenance, and liability stand point.

Staff Recommendations

- Concrete slab extends one foot beyond all edges of the pergola.
- Cedar wood used instead of green treated.
- Consider more visually appealing design for pergola.
- Have Inspections Department review construction drawings.

Rick told the Park Board that the actual location can be determined on site with Mr. Hallstrom. He added that this project will necessitate the removal of some brush which staff can take care of. Staff can also take care of the concrete work, realigning the playground border, and installing additional fibar (safety surface). He said that perhaps the Park Board can consider dedicating some funds to help cover any increased costs

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associated with providing a more elaborate structure. Hunter said that Home Depot was willing to give him a discount on the materials and he would appreciate any funding help and work that the city could do.

Park Board Members were wondering if adults would be helping with the project and what skills they had. Hunter's dad responded that there would be adults helping and they have carpentry and concrete experience. Hunter said the dirt work would be done by other scouts and volunteers he was able to get to help with the project. His role in the project is to find volunteers to do manual labor, fundraise and act as the project manager. He doesn't necessarily do all the labor associated with the project.

Rick told Hunter that maintenance staff thought pine would be a better wood to use in the project because it takes stain better and is more maintenance friendly. Rick gave Hunter and the Park Board a cost breakdown of three different types of wood. He said maybe the Board could allocate some money from the Park Dedication Fund to help offset the difference in price.

Pat Huelman said he would be willing to talk to Hunter about environmental issues associated with this project. Such as building materials, wood rotting, etc.

The Park Board thanked Mr. Hallstrom for coming before them and told him he should be proud of what he is trying to accomplish.

MOTION:

Pat Huelman made a motion that the Park Board accept the project proposal and that Hunter should come before them again for final design approval. Pam Taschuk seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

OLD BUSINESS:

Matt Koehn handed out an article about a dog park site in Blaine. He asked members to read the article. Rick stated that he has not heard from Terry O'Connell since the last meeting.

RECREATION UPDATE:

Rick reviewed the update included in the member's packets. He said spring classes have begun and summer registration is underway with several classes already being full. Staff has been hired for the summer programs. The next two events coming up are Kids Garage Sale in May and Kite Day in June. The Gobbler Game cutouts are getting a facelift and will be painted before the event in November.

2008/2009 WARMING HOUSE REPORT:

Rick said the skating season was great this year. The warming houses were open for a total of 73 days and closed only 6 due to cold weather. He said the Centennial Hockey Association continued to use the rinks this year and put together a small group of parents that did some late night flooding. He talked about the number of skaters at the

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rinks and the reasons for the change in numbers at Birch and City Hall Parks. He asked members to contact him if they had any questions regarding the warming house report.

NEXT PARK BOARD MEETING:

The next Park Board Meeting will be June 1, 2009 at 6:30p.m.

ADJOURN:

Pam Taschuk made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Pat Huelman. The meeting was adjourned at 7:04p.m.

These minutes were approved at the November 2, 2009 Park Board Meeting.