

**Park Board Meeting – December 1, 2008
Minutes**

The December 1, 2008 City of Lino Lakes Park Board meeting was called to order at 6:40p.m. by Pam Taschuk. Members present were Bill Kusterman, Pam Taschuk, Richard Jensen, Pat Huelman and Matt Koehn. Members absent were George Lindy and Charles Evans.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 7, FEBRUARY 4, and MAY 5, 2008:

Pat Huelman made a motion to approve the January 7 and February 5, 2008 minutes. Seconded by Bill Kusterman and approved as written. Richard Jensen and Matt Koehn abstained from voting as they were not members of the board at that time.

Bill Kusterman made a motion, seconded by Pat Huelman to approve the May 5, 2008 minutes. Minutes were approved.

SETTING AGENDA:

There were no changes to the agenda.

OPEN MIKE:

No one was present for open mike.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Adopt 2009 Park Board Meeting Schedule

Staff recommended the following 2009 Park Board meeting dates. Please note the September meeting will be our annual park tour and bbq:

- Monday, January 5, 2009
- Monday, February 2, 2009
- Monday, March 2, 2009
- Monday, April 6, 2009
- Monday, May 4, 2009
- Monday, June 1, 2009
- Monday, July 6, 2009
- Monday, August 3, 2009
- Tuesday**, September 8, 2009 –Tour and BBQ
- Monday, October 5, 2009
- Monday, November 2, 2009
- Monday, December 7, 2009

Matt Koehn made a motion to approve the 2009 Park Board Meeting dates. Seconded by Richard Jensen and approved.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT UPDATE:

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Rick discussed the number of people that were in the football and soccer programs. He told members that there 23 teams in the Fall Softball Leagues. He said that the 11th Annual Turkey Shoot was a success and that there were 236 participants this year. Members wanted to know how registration was going for fitness programs since the YMCA has moved in. Rick said fitness registration was a little slow but didn't know if it was because of the Y. He then talked about upcoming events in December and January.

PARKS DEPARTMENT UPDATES:

Rick talked about planting trees in various parks in May. He went on to say that the shelter exterior in Birch Park had been renovated. The roofs at Sunrise, Birch and Marshan Park had been re-roofed because of the storm in May. In June staff removed the observation deck at Pheasant Hills. Rick said 180' of chain link fence had been installed along the east side of Rice Lake Elementary. He said people were not crossing West Shadow Lake Drive at the crosswalk and there had been a couple of near miss accidents prompting this action. He told members that staff was currently flooding skating rinks with the hope that they will open the middle of December. A member questioned the use of fields and said they had heard from residents about people not cleaning up after themselves when using the park. The board also wanted to know about prairie burns. Rick responded to their questions. He told members to read through the updates and to contact him if they had any additional questions.

DISCUSS POSSIBLE 2009 PARK BOARD GOALS:

Rick talked about the memo included in member's packets that outlined the goals from 2003 – 2008. He also included an updated Dedicated Parks Fund sheet that told members that the total undesignated funds were \$92,597. Rick told members that in previous years \$25,000 has been put into the General Fund for trails but this amount has been eliminated from the 2009 Budget. Members talked about extending the Otter Lake Trail to the Hugo Trail in the future. Rick said the trail would be about 1300' and the approximate cost would be \$60,000. They asked Rick if the county trail was going to be connected to city hall. He said it is still anticipated that it would be done in 2009.

There was discussion about the next step for Lino Park, if any other parks were in dire need of playground equipment, what parks needed shelters, lighting in parks, and putting in tennis courts at Rice Lake Elementary School. Rick said installing tennis courts at the school would have to be a joint venture with the school district.

Bill Kusterman made a motion that the 2009 Park Board Goals would consist of installing a shelter at Marshan Park. He also asked staff to inquire with the school district about putting a tennis court on or near the property of Rice Lake Elementary School. Richard Jensen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

NEXT PARK BOARD MEETING:

The next Park Board meeting will be held on Monday, January 5, 2009, 6:30p.m.

ADJOURN:

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Pat Huelman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Matt Koehn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandra Wood
Public Services Office Manager

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