

Park Board Meeting - March 5, 2007

Minutes

The March 5, 2007 City of Lino Lakes Park Board meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m., by Chair Lindy. Roll call was taken; members present were Kathi Gallup, Pat Huelman, Bill Kusterman, Katie Boyle, George Lindy and Paul Montain. Absent was Pam Taschuk. Also present were Rick DeGardner, Public Services Director and Sandie Wood, Public Services Office Manager.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 5, 2007:

Pat Huelman made a motion, seconded by Kathi Gallup, to approve the February 5, 2007 minutes as presented. The minutes were approved. Paul Montain abstained from voting.

SETTING AGENDA:

There were no changes to the agenda.

OPEN MIKE:

There was no one present for open mike.

REVIEW AND COMMENT ON PRELIMINARY MASTER PLAN OF LINO PARK:

Mrs. Candace Amberg from Brauer and Associates was present to review and discuss the preliminary master plan of Lino Park. She told the Park Board that the proposed lacrosse field could also be used as two smaller soccer fields. Phase I includes removing the warming house building, grading the site and erosion control, top soil, seeding, irrigation and an 8' wide asphalt trail. Candace responded to questions from the residents and Park Board members. Rick told members the final step of the master planning process is to formalize the final master plan and present it to the City Council for approval. Paul Montain made a motion to move ahead with the bid process for Phase I, assuming City Council approval. Seconded by Bill Kusterman and Approved.

REVIEW 2006-2007 WARMING HOUSE REPORT:

Included in the packets was the final 2006-2007 Warming House Report prepared by Brian Hronski, Recreation Program Supervisor. Rick said the figures do not include the Centennial Hockey practices, only informal skating.

Rick said he will bring this item back to the Park Board this fall to determine rink locations and hours for next year.

REVIEW PROPOSED 2007 SUMMER PLAYGROUND PROGRAM:

Rick said members may recall that the format of last year's Summer Playground Program was drastically changed due to the elimination of the program's general revenue funding. He said although the registration fees were the same as 2005, the program hours were reduced from an eight week program to a seven week program as well as meeting two days per week rather than five days per week. In addition several cost cutting measures were also implemented which may have affected the program quality for the participants. For example, the use of specialists and

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performers were reduced and t-shirts were not provided. He said the overall attendance of the program dropped from 342 in 2005 to 272 in 2006.

Rick told members that partial funding of the Summer Playground Program has been reinstated in the 2007 Budget.

Rick said that listed below is the proposed playground description and format for the upcoming summer season. This is the same format as the 2005 program.

Join us at the playgrounds for some sensational summer fun! Theme weeks, arts-n-crafts, specialists and games are just some of the fun things we'll do this summer. Program will conclude with a special party at your park. 7 weeks. Min/Max: 20/50. Register by June 11. No program July 4.

Cost: \$90 per child per session; \$65 per child per session Lino Lakes Resident; \$130 maximum per family Lino Lakes Resident

<u>Age</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Loc</u>
5-10	M-F	6/18-8/2	8:30 a.m.-Noon	Birch Park
5-10	M-F	6/18-8/2	8:30 a.m.-Noon	Sunrise Park
5-10	M-F	6/18-8/2	1-4:30 p.m.	Behm's Park
5-10	M-F	6/18-8/2	1-4:30 p.m.	Birch Park
5-10	M-F	6/18-8/2	1-4:30 p.m.	Clearwater Creek Park
5-10	M-F	6/18-8/2	1-4:30 p.m.	Highland Meadows Park
5-10	M-F	6/18-8/2	1-4:30 p.m.	Sunrise Park

Also included in the packet, for members to review, was the 2006 Playground Program Report.

Some members said they had used this program and it was a great deal for the money. Members told Rick that they hoped the funding and program structure is not going to fluctuate from year to year.

OLD BUSINESS:

a. Comprehensive Plan "Kick-Off" Meeting - March 7:

Rick said, as mentioned at last month's Park Board meeting, the Lino Lakes City Council and its Citizen Advisory Boards will kick off the city's comprehensive planning process on Wednesday, March 7, from 6:30 - 8:30pm at Chomonix Golf Course. He said information pertaining to the city's recently completed 2030 Vision Plan and the collaboration between the City and the Rice Creek Watershed District to integrate resource management into the Comprehensive Plan will be reviewed and discussed. Kathi Gallup and Pat Huelman volunteered to be on the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Panel representing the Park Board. However, Rick said all Citizen Advisory Board members were invited to attend this "Kick-off" meeting. Park Board members are hoping that

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minutes or a summary would be done for these meetings so they could be kept up to date as to what was going on with this committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Fairway Flyerz Letter:

Rick said a letter addressed to the Park Board regarding disc golf courses was included in the packets. The letter was discussed and the Park Board asked Rick to contact Anoka County about putting the disc golf course in the regional park because they had more suitable space.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT UPDATE:

Rick referred to the Recreation Program Highlights update from February 2007. He talked about the Sweetheart Dance, Hockey Skills/Skating Lessons and Adult Basketball. The department is considering distributing a separate brochure three times a year rather than being inserted in the city newsletter.

PARKS DEPARTMENT UPDATE:

Rick reviewed the memo from Mike Hoffman, Parks Supervisor, which summarized the maintenance highlights for February 2007. He touched on the completion of tree removal and stumps in Shenandoah Park and regular winter maintenance that staff is doing. Pat Huelman thought Birchwood Acres Park could use a few wood duck houses placed in the south or west end of the park. Rick asked members to review the rest of the memo and to contact him if they had any further questions on the update.

NEXT PARK BOARD MEETING:

Chair Lindy advised the next Park Board meeting would be held on Monday, April 2, 2007, 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURN:

Paul Montain made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Pat Huelman. The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandra Wood
Public Services Office Manager

These minutes were approved at the May 7, 2007 Park Board Meeting.