

**Park Board Meeting - January 3, 2006  
Minutes**

The January 3, 2006 City of Lino Lakes Park Board meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m., by Chair Lindy.

Roll call was taken; members present were Pam Taschuk, Katie Boyle, Aaron Frederickson, Pat Huelman, Bill Kusterman and George Lindy. Members absent were Paul Montain.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 7, 2005:**

George Lindy made a correction on Page 3, third line from the bottom. It read "dirt bike trail" and it should have read "mountain bike trail". Bill Kusterman made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Pam Taschuk. The minutes were approved with the corrections on Page 3.

**SETTING AGENDA:**

There were no changes to the agenda.

**OPEN MIKE:**

No one was present for open mike.

**DISCUSS AND APPROVE the 2006 PARK BOARD GOALS:**

The Park Board began discussing possible projects for the 2006 Park Board Goals at the November 7, 2005 Park Board Meeting. Rick summarized the items listed below. Rick provided more detailed information regarding the proposed goals at the meeting. He also handed out a December 31, 2005 Park Dedication Fund Summary.

Birch Street Trail in front of Rice Lake Elementary School connecting both trails along north side of Birch Street and underpass	(\$170,000)
Pheasant Hills Bridge directly north of Pheasant Hills Park	(\$ 40,000)
Open air shelter at Behm's Park	(\$ 30,000)
Open air shelter at Highland Meadows Park	(\$ 30,000)
Re-master Planning Country Lakes Park	(\$ 5,000)
Re-master Planning Lino Park	(\$ 5,000)

Bill asked if Rick has received inquiries on the Birch Street Trail. Rick responded that he has received several inquiries.

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There was also discussion on the concerns for safety in the Fawn Lane area.

Members discussed the open shelters and felt there is a great need for shade in these two parks because of the playground program taking place there.

Members also expressed their views on the Master Planning of Country Lakes and Lino Parks.

After discussion it was the consensus of the Board that the 2006 Goals should include open air shelters at Behm's and Highland Meadows Park and to proceed with the feasibility of doing the Birch Street Trail in front of Rice Lake Elementary School connecting both trails along north side of Birch Street and underpass. Rick stated he would talk to Chair Lindy to schedule which Council Work Session Meeting to present the goals. (January 18, February 8, and February 22.)

**REVIEW ALTERNATIVES FOR 2006 SUMMER PLAYGROUND FORMAT:**

Rick explained that as a result of the State Legislature again suspending payment of the Market Value Homestead Credit for 2006, there were several line items that were reduced/eliminated from the 2006 General Fund Budget. The partial funding of the Summer Playground Program from the General Fund has been completely eliminated. This includes \$24,000 in salaries and \$2,300 in supplies.

Without the assistance of any General Fund contributions, the 2006 Summer Playground Program will need to be completely self-supporting. All direct expenditures need to be covered by registration fees. This includes all seasonal staff, supplies, t-shirts, naturalists visits, etc. Summarized below is the 2005 Summer Playground as well as three alternatives staff is considering for the upcoming Summer Playground Program. Rick is interested in getting feedback from Park Board Members regarding the proposed options and what their thoughts are on how to best structure the 2006 Summer Playground Program. He also anticipates sending out surveys to last year's participants to get their feedback on which option is the most desirable. He included specific budget information for each alternative.

2005

8 week program - M-F (9a.m. - Noon or 1p.m. - 4:30pm) Max 50 per location - Fee \$50 resident, \$75 non resident. Fee includes supplies, specialty programs (arts and crafts, animal presentations, naturalist), t-shirt, two individual park parties, theme week activities, and staff (ratio: 1:12).

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2006

7 week program (9a.m. - Noon or 1p.m. - 4:00pm) Max 45 per location - Fee includes supplies, specialists' visits (fire, police, naturalist), t-shirt, one party, theme week activities and staff (ratio: 1:15).

Option	Days	Resident Fee	Non-Resident Fee	Special Events
1	M/W or T/TH	\$ 50.00	\$ 75.00	Fridays at an additional \$10 per day
2	M-TH	\$ 95.00	\$120.00	Fridays at an additional \$10 per day
3	M-F	\$110.00	\$135.00	

After discussing this item the Park Board felt that Option 3, a M-F program, was the best choice. However, they felt the non-resident fees should be increased.

**RECREATION DEPARTMENT UPDATE:**

Rick referred to the Program Highlights Flyer from December 2005. The Secret Holiday Shop was a success again with the highest total sales ever this year.

He also stated that the Letters from Santa program continues to be very popular.

He touched on fitness programs, 5-player basketball, the warming houses opening and told Members when to expect the next brochure in their homes.

**PARKS DEPARTMENT UPDATE:**

Rick reviewed a memo from Mike Hoffman, Parks Supervisor, which summarizes the maintenance highlights for December 2005. Rick noted that matting has been installed at the Sunrise Park Warming House and will be installed at Birch Park Warming House soon. He also stated that staff is working on daily maintenance of the rinks. Maintenance staff has also been plowing City trails and helping the Street Department with other plowing issues.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Pam and Bill asked about their terms expiring. They said they haven't heard anything. Rick told them to continue attending meetings until the issue was resolved.

Members asked about a dog park. Rick informed them that he had been in contact with Anoka County and they are working on putting a dog park in Fridley's Locke Park (by the ice arena). George said maybe they could put a mountain bike park there also.

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**NEXT PARK BOARD MEETING:**

Chair Lindy advised the next Park Board meeting would be held on Monday, February 6, 2006, 6:30 p.m. He and Katie will not be able to attend this meeting.

**ADJOURN:**

Katie Boyle made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Aaron Frederickson. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandra Wood  
Public Services Office Manager

These minutes were approved at the February 6, 2006 Park Board Meeting.