

Park Board Meeting - June 6, 2005

Minutes

The June 6, 2005 City of Lino Lakes Park Board meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m., by Chair Lindy.

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

Also present was Rick DeGardner, Public Services Director.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MARCH 7, 2005:

Paul Montain made a motion, seconded by Pam Taschuk, to approve the March 7, 2005, minutes as presented. The minutes were approved.

SETTING AGENDA:

There were no changes to the agenda.

OPEN MIKE:

No one was present for open mike.

PARKS AND TRAIL PROJECTS UPDATE:

Birchwood Acres Park - Rick stated the majority of work has been completed including:

- Regrading
- Ag-lime infield installed
- New Backstop installed
- Irrigation system including bringing water service into the park, pouring slab for irrigation box, and installing irrigation system.

The following is scheduled to be completed within the next two weeks:

- Running electrical service into the park
- Adjusting sprinkler heads
- Final grade, seed bed prep, and seed park area
- Pave trail
- Final restoration of disturbed areas

Birch Street Trail Project - Rick advised bids were open on June 2. The apparent low bidder appears to be Central Landscaping with a bid amount of \$191,650. The engineer's estimate was \$220,000. This item is scheduled to go to the City Council for consideration at the June 13 City Council meeting.

Rice Lake Estates - Rick stated the City of Circle Pines has indicated that they have retained Flanagan Sales, Inc. for the

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purchase and installation of playground equipment in Baldwin Park. The equipment will be located to the west of the hockey rink and is anticipated to be installed mid-July. The former Rice Lake Estates Park area has not been cleaned up as of yet.

REVIEW DEDICATED PARK FUND:

Rick referred to the 2005 Park Dedication Fund Summary that was distributed in the packets. He noted the Total Undesignated Funds balance is \$92,630.

Rick added that he did receive a call from a resident regarding the Pheasant Hills bridge that was discussed during the Park Board's Goal Setting Meeting. It was the consensus of the Park Board that the project would be discussed again in November when the Park Board looks at 2006 Park Board Goals.

Mr. Rob Rafferty, resident of Lino Lakes, inquired about the status of the Pheasant Hills bridge. Chair Lindy indicated the Park Board couldn't designate any Park Board funds until the Birch Street Trail project is completed in October.

Mr. Rafferty stated the Pheasant Hills residents want to help out financially with the project. Residents want to be proactive and will continue to address the Park Board regarding this issue.

NEW BUSINESS:

Community Sports Associations Usage of Area Parks for Practices:

Rick referred to the 2005 Field Use Allocation grid that was distributed in the packets. He noted there are three micro-fields at Lino Park that are also being used by Centennial Soccer teams.

Aaron stated his neighbor raised a concern regarding the scheduling and availability of fields within Lino Lakes. There are too many athletic teams practicing on fields at the same time causing safety issues.

Paul stated there are several open green spaces available within the City for t-ball and young soccer teams to use as practice fields such as LaMotte Park and Centerville Elementary School.

Rick advised next year would be worse for youth sports regarding field availability in Lino Lakes. He noted Centennial Youth Soccer does not use any fields in the surrounding cities. Next year there will be fewer fields in Lino Lakes available to them. The City of Lino Lakes is currently providing all of the fields for Centennial Soccer. There are 60% of Lino Lakes residents involved in Centennial Soccer.

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RECREATION DEPARTMENT UPDATE:

Rick referred to the Program Highlights Flyer from May 2005. He noted four of seven playground sites are full for the Summer Playground Program. At this time a total of 318 participants are enrolled in the Summer Playground Program.

PARKS DEPARTMENT UPDATE:

Rick reviewed a memo from Mike Hoffman, Parks Supervisor, which summarizes the maintenance highlights for May 2005. He noted projects in May included planting 25 replacement trees for the Forestry Department, planting 30 replacement shrubs at Clearwater Creek Park, and installing 40' split rail fencing along trail behind 560 Arrowhead Drive.

Rick added the tennis courts at Arena Acres have been sealed and painted and new nets have been installed.

Paul inquired about future uses of Woolan's Park. Rick stated he would look into the proposed future uses for that park.

NEXT PARK BOARD MEETING:

Chair Lindy advised the next Park Board meeting would be held on Monday, July 5, 2005, 6:30 p.m.

Rick advised the July and August Park Board meetings currently don't have any agenda items. Park Board Members are encouraged to call Rick if there are any issues to be addressed.

ADJOURN:

Paul Montain made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Aaron Frederickson. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Points
Recording Secretary

These minutes were approved at the October 3, 2005 Park Board Meeting.