

**Park Board Meeting - November 7, 2005  
Minutes**

The November 7, 2005 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, Aaron Frederickson, Pat Huelman, Bill Kusterman and George Lindy. Absent members were Katie Boyle and Paul Montain.

Also present was Rick DeGardner, Public Services Director.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 3, 2005:**

Pam Taschuk made a motion, seconded by Pat Huelman, to approve the October 3, 2005, minutes as presented. The minutes were approved.

**SETTING AGENDA:**

Centennial Soccer Club was placed under open mike.

**OPEN MIKE:**

**Centennial Soccer Club** - Mr. Jay Peterson, Centennial Soccer Club, stated he is present this evening to represent Youth Centennial Soccer. He provided his background in terms of the Youth Soccer Club program noting he would like to open a dialogue with the Park Board.

Mr. Peterson stated the Club puts in a request every year for field use within the City. He indicated the soccer program is looking for more practice time on the soccer fields. He advised the Club has looked for additional field space in other communities and it appears there is no additional space available.

Mr. Peterson requested the Park Board look at adding additional soccer fields at Lino Park and an additional practice field at Sunset Oaks Park.

Mr. Peterson noted that Rick has alluded to the fact that the maintenance of fields is a budgetary consideration. He stated the Club is willing to look at alternatives for maintaining the soccer fields.

Chair Lindy suggested the Club approach surrounding communities to help with some of the needs for additional soccer fields.

Rick distributed a packet that provided the background and information regarding this issue. He reviewed the grid relating to the fields being used by the Centennial Soccer Club as well as the percentage of Lino Lakes residents participating in the program. The grid showed that while Lino Lakes kids represent 60% of Centennial soccer participants, the City of Lino Lakes provides 100% of the soccer fields for games. This includes

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soccer fields at Rice Lake Elementary, Centennial Middle School, Sunrise Park, Marshan Park, and Lino Park. Rick stated before we encroach into other neighborhood parks, the other cities should be approached to provide soccer fields suitable for games. Rick stated that he discussed this with the Centennial Soccer Board at their February, 2005 Board Meeting.

Rick advised he is not prohibiting the use of Lino Lakes fields for the soccer program. He stated he is asking the participating communities that comprise 40% of participants in the Centennial Soccer Club to provide some of the requested additional fields for the soccer program.

Chair Lindy stated the City of Lino Lakes is not saying fields are not available. The City is saying other cities should develop fields for youth athletic activities. He encouraged the Club to approach other involved cities for additional field space.

Mr. Peterson indicated he would be speaking with the School District regarding this issue. He added there is a meeting on Sunday and he would keep Rick updated on the situation as well as Aaron, who is on the Soccer Club Board.

Chair Lindy asked Aaron to accurately represent the Park Board's position at the Soccer Club meeting on Sunday.

**RECREATION DEPARTMENT UPDATE:**

**Update** - Rick referred to the Program Highlights Flyer from October 2005. He noted the City had a great turnout for the MEA break trips this year. The 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade youth football players participated in an end of the season tournament October 24 - 29 and the Youth Soccer tournaments were played on October 29.

Rick advised the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Family Turkey shoot would be held on Saturday November 12 from 10 a.m. - Noon at Centennial Middle School. As of October 31, 138 people had registered for the Breakfast with Santa event.

Rick added work is currently in progress on the winter edition of the Recreation Review. Starting in 2006, a new distribution schedule will begin with the spring edition going out the first week of February as opposed to the last week of February.

**Turkey Shoot Volunteers Flyer** - Rick referred to a flyer requesting volunteer help at this year's Family Turkey Shoot. Volunteers are needed between the hours of 8:30am to 1pm. If anyone is interested in assisting with the event, contact Liz Benoit at City Hall.

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**Volunteer Application Form** - Rick referred to a copy of the volunteer application form that the Recreation Department has recently implemented.

**PARKS DEPARTMENT UPDATE:**

Rick reviewed a memo from Mike Hoffman, Parks Supervisor, which summarizes the maintenance highlights for October 2005. He noted new gates and stop signs were installed at the trail entrance on the east side of Rice Lake Elementary School due to an accident.

Chair Lindy requested Rick inquire about the Patrol Program at the school regarding this issue.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Determine 2006 Park Board Schedule** - Rick referred to a proposed schedule of 2006 Park Board meetings.

It was the consensus of the Park Board to change the July meeting to Monday, July 10, 2006.

**CONSIDER 2006 PARK BOARD GOALS:**

Rick advised it is time to start considering possible Park Board Goals for 2006. He reviewed an updated Dedicated Parks Fund sheet noting the amount of total Undesignated Funds is \$155,598. He noted the City Council has also designated \$30,000 for trails development in the proposed 2006 General Fund Budget.

Aaron suggested the Park Board look at completing the trail along Birch Street and possibly a survey regarding the need for a dog park within the City.

Chair Lindy suggested constructing a bridge in Pheasant Hills.

Aaron excused himself from the meeting at 8:30pm.

Pam suggested constructing open air shelters at Behm's and Highland Parks.

Pat suggested the possibility of re-master planning Country Lakes Park.

Rick advised the Park Board can continue this discussion at the meeting in December.

Chair Lindy requested Rick inquire with the County regarding a ~~dir~~ **mountain** bike trail within the regional park.

**NEXT PARK BOARD MEETING:**

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

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**ADJOURN:**

Bill Kusterman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Pam Taschuk.  
The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Points  
Recording Secretary

These minutes were approved as corrected at the January 3, 2006  
Park Board Meeting.

**Correction** - See Page 3, third line from the bottom. Changed  
"dirt bike trail" to "mountain bike trail".