

**FINAL  
Lake Elmo Park Commission  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
May 18, 2009**

Chairman Ames called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Larson, Ames, Blackford, Booher, Zeno, Adanene

STAFF PRESENT: Project Assistant Kriegler, Kathy Widen

**Agenda**

Agenda was approved (M/S, Blackford/Larson, 6-0)

**Minutes**

April 20, 2009 minutes approved. (M/S Larson / Zeno, 6-0)

**Update on MPCA construction activities at the Washington County landfill and the request for easements to place two monitoring wells in Sunfish Lake Park**

Carol Kriegler reported there are currently 2 monitoring wells that have been placed within Sunfish Lake Park by the MPCA. These wells are relatively unobtrusive, small in size, and painted black. The MPCA has recently expressed the need for an additional monitoring well (and associated easement) at each of these locations. These wells will be different than those currently in place in that they will be deeper and allow the agency to monitor water quality in the bedrock. Carol Kriegler and Kathy Widen have visited each of the two sites to assess the potential impact, which is considered to be minimal.

Ames requested that the Minnesota Land Trust review the MPCA's request.

It was also reported that construction activity at the Washington County landfill is expected to begin in the next couple of weeks in an effort to remediate PFC contamination at the site.

**Washington County Conservation District presentation about prairie restoration and natural resource management practices and procedures.**

Jyneen Thatcher of the Washington County Conservation District gave a presentation about prairie restoration. Topics covered included, prairie plant / root structure, plant species / types, duration of restoration process, typical process, planting following agricultural use, sources / types of prairie seed, benefits of burning / herbicide applications, ideal / challenging conditions, etc.

Blackford expressed an interest in having existing fauna at the site catalogued. This interest is out of concern for the potential effects of pesticide use during the course of prairie restoration activities.

**Discussion on city trail system improvements / trail segment inventory.**

Carol Kriegler reported that she had just received the work to date on the trail segment inventory that the public works staff has been working on.

The Stonegate trail was discussed briefly. Carol Kriegler reported that the trail is slated to serve as a base trail with thru-traffic from outside the neighborhood. The trail improvement will be discussed further in the context of all other trail segments within the trail system.

Given the time dedicated to the prairie restoration presentation, Ames requested that items 6-10 of May's agenda be given priority on the June agenda.

Meeting was adjourned: 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Kriegler,  
Project Assistant