

Park Board Meeting – February 6, 2006

Minutes

The February 6, 2006 City of Lino Lakes Park Board meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m., by Chair Lindy.

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 3, 2006:

Pam Taschuk made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Bill Kusterman. The minutes were approved as presented.

SETTING AGENDA:

There were no changes to the agenda.

OPEN MIKE:

No one was present for open mike.

REVIEW PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITY WITH CENTENNIAL YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION (CYHA):

Rick explained that representatives from the CYHA attended the January 18, 2006 City Council Work Session to present their proposal for a partnership for the construction of an indoor hockey rink at the National Sports Center.

During the presentation Councilmember Carlson suggested that the Park Board review and comment on this proposal. He included copies of the information that was presented to the City Council in the Park Board packets. Since this agenda item is again on the February 8 City Council Work Session, Rick will forward the Park Board's comments for City Council consideration.

Park Board Members listened to Rick's presentation and then asked questions and made comments. Members wanted to know what Blaine's commitment was to this project. Rick responded that they have committed \$500,000 towards their sheet of ice and CYHA felt they could not ask them for additional money.

Rick told members that if the City of Lino Lakes contributed money it would have to come out of the General Fund Budget and that Dedicated Park Funds money could not be used. He also said there was no contingency dollars in the 2006 Budget and if money was contributed in 2006 the City Council would have to cut money from the approved budget. However, if they committed dollars in 2007 the City Council could make it a line item in that budget.

It was asked if a commitment from Lino Lakes would assure use of ice time. Rick responded yes. They also wanted to know if Lino Lakes didn't make a contribution would the project fail. Rick said the project has been started and it scheduled to open in October of 2006. He told members that other area youth sports association/communities want to be involved with the super rink expansion project but it is felt that since the project is being built in Anoka County those cities/organizations should have the first chance to be part of the project.

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It was the general consensus of the Park Board that they were supportive of this projected but they are concerned about where Lino Lake's share of the money would come from.

The Park Board recommended that the City Council finds a way to contribute some monies to this project.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT UPDATE:

Rick referred to the Program Highlights from January 2006. He talked about Snow Day, the Sweetheart Sock Hop, and how staff was struggling to get skating lessons and hockey skills programs completed because of the weather, and 5 player basketball. He said warming houses have really been a challenge this year.

He told members to watch for the brochure which is to be in resident's homes the first week of February.

PARK UPDATE:

Rick reviewed the Park Update included in their packets. He said staff worked on rink maintenance and that they installed new floors in the warming houses at Sunrise, Birch and City Hall Parks.

REVIEW 2005 ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

The 2005 Accomplishments were included in the packet. He asked members to review the accomplishments and responded to their questions. A member asked if Clearwater Creek Park was completed. Rick responded yes and it is used very heavily. He told members that a representative from the Clearwater Park area had contacted him about putting a hockey rink in this park. He didn't have a lot of details but said the group was going to be meeting on February 22, in the Community Room, and that he would be attending this meeting. Rick indicated that the group might be coming to a future Park Board Meeting to discuss this issue.

NEXT PARK BOARD MEETING:

Being there was no old business and no additional new business Chair Lindy advised members the next Park Board Meeting would be held on March 6, 2006, 6:30p.m.

ADJOURN:

Pam Taschuk made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Pat Huelman. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandra Wood
Public Services Office Manager

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