

Park Board Meeting - March 7, 2005

Minutes

The March 7, 2005 City of Lino Lakes Park Board meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m., by Acting Chair Taschuk.

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

Also present was Rick DeGardner, Public Services Director.

MAYOR TO SWEAR IN 2005 APPOINTED MEMBER:

Mayor Bergeson swore in re-appointed 2005 Park Board Members Katie Boyle and Paul Montain.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 7, 2005:

Paul Montain made a motion, seconded by Katie Boyle, to approve the February 7, 2005, minutes as presented. The minutes were approved.

SETTING AGENDA:

Aaron added Blue Heron Days under New Business.

OPEN MIKE:

No one was present for open mike.

REVIEW 2004-2005 WARMING HOUSE REPORT:

Rick referred to the 2004-2005 Warming House Report that was included in the Park Board Member's packets. He reviewed the report noting that the number of hours the rinks are being used for hockey practice would be included in the report next year.

Acting Chair Taschuk asked if other cities have eliminated warming houses and open rinks all together due to the cost. Rick advised there are many cities that have eliminated open rinks and warming houses all together. He stated he believes there is enough use to continue with the Lino Lakes locations at this time. He indicated he has received complaints from residents in the northern part of the City regarding the lack of informal rinks in that area. That issue will be looked into next year.

Aaron asked that City staff makes sure the warming house hours are listed on the web site.

Bill indicated he believes the warming house supervisors should shovel the rinks more. He also stated that if the ice were in better condition there would be more use of the rinks.

REVIEW BIRCH STREET TRAIL PLANS AND SPECS:

Rick advised the City does not yet have the level of detail to adequately review the plans and specs for the Birch Street trail.

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The City is anticipating opening bids in May for summer construction. The County will be officially commenting on the proposed plan for the trail. Staff is working on a plan to inform residents of the trail construction.

Paul questioned the pedestrian and bike access due to the trail ending at Pheasant Hills Drive.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT UPDATE:

Rick referred to the Program Highlights Flyer from February 2005. He noted the 4th Annual Sweetheart Sock Hop was held on Saturday, February 12 at Centennial Elementary School. One hundred and thirty eight people registered for the event.

Rick added the City has received quite a few phone call inquiries about the new registration process and have had some problems with what classifies someone as a Lino Lakes resident.

PARKS DEPARTMENT UPDATE:

Rick reviewed a memo from Mike Hoffman, Parks Supervisor, which summarizes the maintenance highlights for February 2005. Rink maintenance activity continued with daily sweeping, blowing, shoveling and flooding of all rinks.

Rick added snow and ice removal from Rice Lake Elementary tunnel was completed as necessary. Staff is looking for a more permanent solution for next year.

Pat requested Rick remind City staff to prune the trees at Birchwood Acres Park.

OLD BUSINESS:

Rice Lake Estates Park Update - Rick referred to a copy of a letter dated February 16, 2005 from Mr. James Keinath, City Administrator of Circle Pines. The letter indicated the City of Circle Pines has not yet resolved this issue. Rick advised Gordon Heitke is meeting with Mr. Keinath tomorrow in reference to this issue. City staff is preparing an official response to Mr. Keinath's letter.

Park Board Members indicated staff should urge the City Administrator to get this issue resolved as soon as possible so residents in Rice Lake Estates have a play area this summer. The Park Board also suggested the City of Circle Pines send out a letter to inform residents of the issue and how it would be resolved. The City of Lino Lakes should get a signed commitment from Circle Pines to develop a park area as soon as possible.

Pat Huelman made a motion, seconded by Paul Montain, to recommend that the City of Lino Lakes get a signed commitment from the City

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of Circle Pines to develop a park area with amenities that meet or exceed that park area that was previously there by July 1, 2005, or pay the City of Lino Lakes \$50,000 in damages. The motion was approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

Blue Heron Days - Aaron suggested the Parks Department get involved with the Blue Heron Days festival.

Rick advised there is \$3,000 in the 2005 budget for the City to in some way participate in Blue Heron Days. It has not yet been determined how the City will participate and at this point, the City is not taking an active role in the planning of the event.

NEXT PARK BOARD MEETING:

Acting Chair Taschuk advised the next Park Board meeting would be held on Monday, April 4, 2005, 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURN:

Paul Montain made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Aaron Frederickson. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Points
Recording Secretary

These minutes were approved at the July 6, 2005 Park Board Meeting.