

**Park Board Meeting - October 3, 2005
Minutes**

The October 3, 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, Katie Boyle, Paul Montain, and George Lindy.

Also present was Rick DeGardner, Public Services Director.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JUNE 6, 2005:

Pam Taschuk made a motion, seconded by Pat Huelman, to approve the June 6, 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.

REVIEW VILLAGE OF HARDWOOD CREEK DEVELOPMENT:

Rick advised the Village of Hardwood Creek Development area is located ¼ mile north of Main Street, between I35E and CSAH 21 (20th Avenue). This 360-acre development site is to be developed with commercial and residential uses. The concept plan for the development includes 500,000 - 600,000 square feet of commercial development on 55 to 70 acres of the site. A variety of single family and multi-family residential development will include approximately 4.5 units per acre, when including all land not within the commercial area. The specifics of the development will be part of a master plan using a planned unit development approach.

Mr. Greg Hayes is present this evening to discuss the Village of Hardwood Creek concept plan.

Mr. Greg Hayes, Shingobee Real Estate Services, came forward and stated he is very excited about the project and has been working with the City on the plan for quite some time. He stated the Planning and Zoning Board voted unanimously last week to keep moving forward with the project.

Mr. Hayes referred to the concept plan noting if the land use plan is approved, the development team will come forward with preliminary plats. He reviewed the trail corridors, walkway connections and neighborhood parks within the plan. He indicated the plan also includes 80-95 acres of open space. There are approximately 15 acres of wetland that will have to be delineated. The largest park area within the plan is approximately 15 acres.

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Pat stated the City is in need of larger programmed parks and asked that the developer consider that when submitting preliminary plats.

Mr. Hayes stated staff has asked the development team to look into public vs. private parks within the project.

Chair Lindy stated the Park Board does not want to see a lot of left over unusable land within the project designated as "park". The expectation is that dedicated parkland is usable land.

Paul expressed concern regarding the breaking of drain tiles within the project during grading activity and creating additional wetlands and drainage problems on other sites.

It was the consensus of the Park Board that they are supportive of the process the development team is following but do need more details.

REVIEW PINE GLEN PRELIMINARY PLAT:

Rick advised Pine Glen is a 78-lot single family residential and 2-lot commercial subdivision. The property is located on the east side of Lake Drive approximately 900' south of Main Street. The current preliminary plat does not indicate any public trails or sidewalks. Rather, an 8' wood chip private trail is indicated along the southern border of the development.

Rick reviewed the staff recommendations at the August 10, 2005 Planning and Zoning Board meeting regarding park dedication and trails for the project. He noted the intent of the City for Outlot C is to provide the possibility of a greenway corridor area at some point in the future.

Rick stated that during the public hearing, there was some discussion between area residents and Planning and Zoning Board Members regarding possible public trails and sidewalks. Since the City is generally lacking in trails in the northern portion of the City, many residents and Planning and Zoning Board Members felt a public trail is warranted rather than a private, woodchip trail. It was suggested that the Park Board evaluate the proposed development in regards to whether any public sidewalks or trails are needed.

Rick advised regardless whether the trail is private or public, staff suggests that a public trail be extended to the west within the Dupont Avenue right-of-way; then southerly within the Della Lane right-of-way to Lino Park. He referred to the sketch plan outlining the staff suggestions.

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Rick stated additional information regarding constructions costs, land values, etc. will be needed to determine what park dedication credit will be given should a public trail be constructed by the developer. Staff recommends that any excess dedicated parks funds derived from the Pine Glen Development be designated for future enhancements at Lino Park.

Paul Montain made a motion, seconded by Pat Huelman, indicating the Park Board recommends placing a public paved trail within the right-of-way on Dupont Avenue, from Street A west to Della Lane, to Lino Park with a trail corridor in the middle of the development for an additional access. The motion was approved.

DETERMINE SKATING RINK LOCATIONS AND HOURS:

Rick advised staff is recommending the following warming house shelters and hours of operation:

<u>PARK</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>WEEKDAY HOURS</u>	<u>WEEKEND HOURS</u>
Sunrise 2 hockey rinks and general skating	6918 Sunrise Drive	4-9pm (M-F)	Saturday 12-9pm Sunday 12-6pm
Birch Park 1 hockey rink and general skating	6520 Pheasant Run	4-9pm (M-F)	Saturday 12-9pm Sunday 12-6pm
City Hall Hockey rink and general skating	1189 Main Street	4-9pm (M/W/F)	Saturday 12-9pm Sunday 12-6pm

Staff also recommending the following ice rink locations that do not have shelters:

Lino Park 7850 Lake Drive
General Skating

Rick stated limited hours have been added for a supervised warming house at City Hall Park. Staff has received several requests to again provide a warming house on the north side of the City. Staff will evaluate participation numbers after the upcoming winter season and report back to the Park Board.

The Park Board indicated they were in agreement with the staff recommendation regarding skating rink locations and hours.

REVIEW 2005 SUMMER PLAYGROUND REPORT:

Rick advised referred to the 2005 Summer Playground Report prepared by Ms. Liz Benoit, Recreation Supervisor. He stated the Summer Playground Program was very successful, ran very smoothly and was enjoyed by 342 participants.

Rick advised that the General Fund funding for the Summer Playground Program has been eliminated for next year.

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Historically approximately \$24,000 was budgeted in the General Fund to help offset some of the expenses associated with operating the Summer Playground Program. The fees this past summer varied from \$50 to \$60 for residents and \$75 to \$85 for non-residents. This was for an 8-week program including supplies, specialty programs, t-shirt, 2 individual park parties, theme week activities and staff. With the elimination of the General Fund funding, staff will have to reevaluate next year's Summer Playground Program. It is anticipated that registration fees may need to be in the range of \$125 - \$150 for residents to cover all costs. Staff may look at reducing the number of weeks, the number of days, and/or the number of hours per day. A staff recommendation will be made for the 2006 Summer Playground Program at the February 2006 Park Board meeting.

Bill suggested obtaining input from previous participants regarding the issue of increasing fees vs. decreasing days and hours of the program.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT UPDATE:

Rick referred to the Program Highlights Flyer from July and September 2005. He noted the participation numbers for youth sports including T-Ball, Soccer Fundamentals, Basketball Camp, Tennis, Lacrosse, Soccer and Volleyball Camp.

Rick advised the On-Line registration began this fall and is going well.

Rick stated 87 middle school students entering grades 6-8 attended this year's Middle School Beach Party. There are 17 teams and 290 players in youth tackle football this season. There are also 36 teams and 380 players in the youth soccer program this fall.

PARKS DEPARTMENT UPDATE:

Rick reviewed a memo from Mike Hoffman, Parks Supervisor, which summarizes the maintenance highlights for July, August and September 2005. Work on Arena Acres included installing a tennis backboard and reworking the court entrances. The warning tracks at Sunrise #1 and #2 fields were renovated and Roundup to N ½ of Birchwood Acres Park was applied.

Rick added that additional work included sod cutting around the trees at Marshan and Behm's Park, infield renovation at Rice Lake #3, and much work at Birchwood Acres Park. The Department also assisted the Forestry Department with Oak Wilt Control.

Rick noted some vandalism occurred last weekend at Shenandoah Park.

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NEXT PARK BOARD MEETING:

Chair Lindy advised the next Park Board meeting would be held on Monday, November 7, 2005, 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURN:

Pam Taschuk made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Paul Montain. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Points
Recording Secretary

These minutes were approved at the November 7, 2005 Park Board Meeting.