

CITY OF DELAFIELD PARK & RECREATION MINUTES

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

C. Smith called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

Present

Absent

David Brabson
Julie Kita
Ty Rankin
Erv Sadowski
Chris Smith
Andrea Schrednick (entered 7:10 p.m.)

Patricia Barwig

Also Present

Ellen O'Brien, Deputy City Clerk

1. APPROVE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 23, 2006

J. KITA MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 23, 2006 MEETING. D. BRABSON SECONDED THE MOTION. THERE WAS NO FURTHER DISCUSSION. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments.

3. OLD BUSINESS

- a. BUDGET UPDATE

E. Sadowski reported that the restroom facility for Bostrom Park was deleted from the 2007 budget. The dog park was reduced by \$150,000, but funds were retained for signage. The Recreation budget was reduced. Fireman's Park remained as submitted. There will be no brush pick-up.

In addition, C. Smith stated that there was a suggestion to map and create a brochure for the Equestrian Trail. This is something that Park & Rec will need to discuss. Part of the trail has already been mapped.

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Parking at the dog park was discussed.

b. PARK DISCUSSION

Instead of waiting until there is an update on the park plan, one park will be discussed at every meeting.

The committee members had a summary of the park walk-through that took place this year.

Cedar Valley Park is not in the plan. It was thought that there should be signage at this park so people would know that it is a City of Delafield park and not owned by a private subdivision. Discussion took place on possible future needs for this park, i.e., replacement of equipment as needed, signage, etc. This should be under short term planning.

All of the City parks should have uniform signage identifying them as a City park.

In the three year plan, the St. John's Park's fireplace was listed. Discussion took place as to why this has not been made into a working fireplace. This will be further investigated. The DPW is responsible for clearing the snow off of the ice skating area. C. Smith stated that there should be programming around ice skating. Possible signage for designated ice skating times was discussed. C. Smith will talk to the Chamber of Commerce and the downtown businesses to see if they would be interested in participating in an ice skating program. Having community skating on Sundays could be a possibility. Flooding the ice rink should take place. In addition, there is a lack of parking at this park. In the short term, C. Smith suggested taking the sign down that indicates "Do Not Park on Grass". The police department and DPW will be consulted regarding the signage; it could be moved further back. Gravel should be added for the parking area. E. Sadowski reported that the City is trying to get ownership of the bridge on Genesee Street from the County. If the City obtains ownership, the bridge would be made to look more attractive. Sidewalks were included in the budget for the east side of Genesee Street from downtown. The dam renovation and pier plans were discussed. Landscaping of the area was discussed; there are areas in the park that need to be re-graded and low spots that need to be filled in. Picnic table pads should be obtained.

J. KITA MOTIONED TO SKIP THE DECEMBER MEETING. D. BRABSON SECONDED THE MOTION. THERE WAS NO FURTHER DISCUSSION. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Fireman's Park will be focused on at the next meeting.

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4. NEW BUSINESS

a. INVASIVE SPECIES SURVEY – TY RANKIN

The members had a report dealing with the survey which summarized the species found on the trail near the River Walk. There were 69 total species of which 34 were native. The species listed in red were invasive and should be focused on. This survey identifies how many different species there are, not the abundance. The worst invasive species found are the buckthorn, and the multi-floral rose. Spring is the best time to work on this. Funding needs to be explored. General discussion took place. The method for treating the plants, herbicide or physical removal, needs to be determined. In areas near the Bark River, physical removal of the invasive species would probably be necessary. Permitting may be required for areas such as the wetlands. T. Rankin will make compile a listing of proposals and recommendations and submit it to the committee members for their input. J. Kita suggested that the proposal be reviewed by M. Carlson and the DPW.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Cate Rahmlow, Delafield Chamber of Commerce - memo regarding the municipal parking lot used for special events

6. ADJOURNMENT

E. SADOWSKI MOTIONED TO ADJOURN FROM THE MEETING. D. BRABSON SECONDED THE MOTION. THERE WAS NO FURTHER DISCUSSION. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED. THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Minutes Prepared By:

Ellen O'Brien
City Clerk/Treasurer

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