



**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, January 3, 2007 - 6:30 p.m.**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the Parks & Recreation Committee of the City of Centerville held the regularly scheduled January 3, 2007 meeting at City Hall, 1880 Main Street.

Present: Vice-Chairperson Suzanne Seeley
Committee Member Kevin Amundsen
Committee Member Linda Merkel
Committee Member Kevin Selander
Committee Member Lori Harris
Committee Member Darrin Mosher

Approved

Absent: Committee Member Carrie Jakober

Council: Council Liaison Tom Lee

Staff: Staff Liaison Kim Stephan

I. CALL TO ORDER

1. Roll Call

Vice-Chairperson Seeley called the January 3, 2007 Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

II. SET AGENDA

Vice-Chairperson Seeley requested Mr. Mark Spitzmueller and Mr. Dean Havel from the Bald Eagle Water Ski Club be added to the agenda under Appearances for a discussion on potentially using the park at 1601 LaMotte Drive as a viewing and staging area for the water ski club's practices and shows on Centerville Lake.

Motion was made by Committee Member Amundsen, seconded by Committee Member Merkel, to set the January 3, 2007 Parks & Recreation Committee Agenda with the above addition. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

III. APPEARANCES

Mr. John Martin, Classic Recreation Systems, Inc. did not make an appearance as scheduled. Committee Member Merkel will contact Mr. Martin to see why he did not show up.

Bald Eagle Water Ski Club Potential Use of 1601 LaMotte Drive

Mr. Mark Spitzmueller and Mr. Dean Havel from the Bald Eagle Water Ski Club asked if they could address the committee on potentially using the park at 1601 LaMotte Drive as a viewing and staging area for the water ski club's practices and shows on Centerville Lake. They have been skiing on Centerville Lake for 20 years, using the site in front of Water Works. They have been notified by the owner, Mr. Rich Defoe that they will probably not be able to continue at that location as CSAH 14 is widened and the Water Works property is developed. The club would like to stay on Centerville Lake and thought the new park property at 1601 LaMotte Drive might be a possible location for them. The club practices once a week and has a show each Thursday which draws approximately a 1,000 people throughout the season. They have done shows for Fete des Lacs and have offered learn to ski clinics. Vice-Chairperson Seeley asked what would be required from the City, what interaction would be needed from the committee and is a dock required.

Mr. Spitzmueller replied the shoreline would be required for viewing and staging of the equipment. The Bald Eagle Ski Club would supply the dock. The club is now a 501C3 nonprofit organization and is looking for sponsorship, potentially to help with the costs of a new dock and platform. A permanent dock would ideally be what they would like. The committee had concerns about who would be on the dock(s) when not in use by the club and potential liability to the City. The club had the same issue at the Water Works sight and had the City of Centerville additionally insured, on their liability policy, as well as the landowner and Anoka County. Committee Member Selander asked Mr. Spitzmueller if the club was aware of how shallow the lake is at this location. Mr. Spitzmueller replied no, they have not done a thorough analysis of the area yet as they first wanted to determine if it was even a possibility to use this location. Vice-Chairperson Seeley suggested a topographical map be viewed as it extremely shallow for a long distance from the shore. Mr. Havel stated it was only about 3' in front of Water Works. Mr. Havel also stated there are approximately 20 skiers, 40 members total, which would be more than willing to help with any volunteer efforts which needed at the park.

The committee discussed that this park is being developed as an adult park with an environmental theme and does a ski show and docks fit in with the vision the committee has for this park. The committee is also concerned about the erosion affects of additional waves from the boats to a shoreline that already has serious erosion problems. While the committee would like to see the Bald Eagle Ski Club stay in Centerville, as it is a great summer event for the community, they do not think it will work in this location. It was suggested the Bald Eagle Ski Club first see if the water depths would work for what they are proposing and it was questioned whether they could operate from the Anoka County Regional Park. This item was tabled pending further information.

IV. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

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Committee Member Merkel requested the following corrections be made:

On page 2 of 10, paragraph 2, change the word request to requested. On page 5 of 10, paragraph 3, change the word broke to broken. On page 6 of 10, paragraph 1, remove the 'The' before Mr. Larson. The last sentence of paragraph 3, page 6 of 10, should end with a '.' not a '?'.

Motion was made by Committee Member Amundsen, seconded by Vice-Chairperson Seeley to approve the December 6, 2006 Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes with the above modifications. Ayes – 3, Nays – 0, Abstain – 1 (Selander). Motion carried.

V. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Oath of Office, New Members Ms. Lori Harris and Mr. Darrin Mosher

Vice-Chairperson Seeley administered the Oath of Office to both the new committee members; Mr. Darrin Mosher and Ms. Lori Harris and welcomed them to the committee. The committee also welcomed Council Member Tom Lee as the 2007 Council Liaison to the Parks & Recreation Committee.

Disclosure of Financial Interest Statements were supplied to and signed by all committee members. The Bylaws for Committee/Commission members were also supplied to the members.

Skate Nights for 2007 - Open Skating Coupons for Schwan Super Rink

The Skate Night at Schwan's would be held on Saturday, February 24, 2007 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. As per the City's agreement with Schwan's Super Rink, the City is allocated one hour of free ice time per year to offer an event to the community. The City also has 48 coupons good for any open skating time. The original plan was to schedule the one hour of free time and then hand out the coupons to anyone who wanted to continue skating for an additional hour. Committee Member Amundsen spoke with Mr. Pete Carlson to schedule the ice time and Mr. Carlson offered the City both hours for no charge. The committee will still need to determine what to do with the 48 coupons. It has been suggested to offer a summer event or possibly hand out the coupons to those who attend the February 24th event.

Over the past years, the Economic Development Committee, together with the Parks & Recreation Committee has sponsored a Skate Night, Horse Drawn Hayride & Bonfire event in conjunction with Frozen Fete des Lacs. EDC has disbanded and there is no longer a Frozen Fete des Lacs, but because the hayride has been well attended by the community the Parks & Recreation Committee would like to see it continued. It will not be promoted as a Skate Night since the last few years there has not been ice to skate on. If there is ice this year that will be an additional feature of the event. A date has not been selected at this time; it depends on the availability of Bunker Stables, but the committee is looking at a Friday in February. The cost has been approximately \$560 for the Horse Drawn Hayride in the previous years.

The Parks & Recreation Committee would like to sponsor two winter events, one at the Schwan's Super Rink and one at Laurie LaMotte Memorial Park

Motion was made by Committee Member Amundsen, seconded by Committee Member Selander, to request City Council approve the expenditure from Park Dedication Fees not to exceed \$600 to rent a Horse Drawn Hayride from Bunker Stables for a community event in 2007, with the date to be determined at a later time. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Replacing Skate Park Equipment

Two (2) Sun Ramp quarter pipes and a spine have been (or will be) removed as they have become a safety hazard, mostly due to usage. The Sun Ramp equipment is constructed of fiber board under rubberized coating. The Skate Wave equipment has held up better, but it is metal and is rusting, as well as being louder and heavier equipment. Mr. Tedd Peterson, Public Works, recommends going with Rhino Ramp equipment through Dura Fun Recreation Products. The last equipment ordered was a quarter pipe and three (3) grinding rails in 2005, from Dura Fun. The quarter pipe, at that time, was \$4,660, excluding shipping charges. Committee Member Mosher will contact Dura Fun for specific prices, but replacing these three (3) pieces will be a minimum of \$15,000.

Mr. John Meyer, Finance Director, said that replacing skate park equipment is not something that has been budgeted for in the past and there is not money available in the Maintenance Fund to cover the costs to replace this equipment at this time. In the future there could be money allocated, but the committee would have to request to have funds included in the budget over a period of time, with a schedule of equipment to be replaced.

Motion was made by Committee Member Amundsen, seconded by Committee Member Selander to request City Council allocate the monies recently returned to the City from the District Memorial Hospital Board in the amount of \$17,383.12 to be used to replace the skate park equipment at Laurie LaMotte Memorial Park. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

It was also mentioned that the signage at the skate park will have to be repaired again, due to vandalism.

VII. UPDATES

Comprehensive Plan Review

The Street Improvement Plan for 2009 was included in the packet for the committee's review. Sidewalks may or may not be added at the time of the road reconstruction.

A work session is scheduled for Wednesday, January 17, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. to review the Comprehensive Plan as it applies to the Parks & Recreation Committee. The meeting will be held at City Hall. Vice-Chairperson Seeley requested the committee members write down their ideas prior to the work session.

Hanzal Plat – Trail

The committee would like to remain involved as this development progresses and would like City Council to know they are definitely interested in a trail easement.

Available Peltier Preserve Property

Mr. Larson asked Ms. Stephan to inform the committee that the owner of the available lots in Peltier Preserve has ordered an appraisal which should be available in two (2) weeks. The owners of the property are Integra Homes and Mr. Ron Lillestrand.

Peltier Preserve Channel Park Property

This property also appears to be owned by Integra Homes. Mr. Larson talked to Mr. Ron Lillestrand about the piece of channel property that was to be deeded to the City. Mr. Lillestrand does not see this issue as involving him or Integra Homes. The City Clerk continues to do research and Mr. Larson will discuss the issue with the City Attorney.

Tracie McBride Memorial Park & Acorn Creek Park Renovations

The subcommittees on these parks have not met, partially because they involved Committee Member Kathy Peil and Council Liaison Jeff Paar, who are no longer on the committee. Vice-Chairperson Seeley stated that because of the timeline of getting the park at 1601 LaMotte Drive ready to open for the dedication, there was limited manpower and time available to concentrate on the other parks. Council Member Lee stated the neighbors in the area of Tracie McBride Memorial Park have been waiting a long time to have something done with this park and there are safety issues with the existing equipment. The water tower has come down and Public Works has removed some of the equipment. It was felt that this park also needs to be done this year and not put on the back burner for another year, but it will be difficult for the committee with so many projects going on and financial constraints. The committee has discussed a smaller play structure, a full size basket ball court and Frisbee Golf at this park. Committee Member Harris agreed to take a look at Tracie McBride Memorial Park and get together with her neighbors for ideas as to what they would like to see.

Council Member Lee has met with representatives of Lino Lakes Parks & Recreation as it applies to Youth Football and will supply the committee with information at the next scheduled meeting regarding the potential of a football field and lighting at Acorn Creek Park. Some discussion was had as to the need for a lighted field in the area, benefits to the community and potential problems with neighbors,

Shelter at Laurie LaMotte Memorial Park

Committee Member Selander will bring drawings of shelters to the next meeting. The committee discussed the size as 25 x 25 or 25 x 30 with open sides, a cover providing shade and possibly a drinking fountain. Vice-Chairperson Seeley contacted Anoka County to see who they used to build shelters and pavilions within Anoka. The company used is Structural Wood Corporation, with bids being done by Flanagan Sales. Committee Member Selander will contact Flanagan Sales for information and will walk the property to determine what dimensions would work best.

1601 LaMotte Drive – Centerville Lake Property

Vice-Chairperson Seeley compiled a list of things that have to be done before the park can open and a second list of things the committee would like to have done before the park opens. The items that have to be completed: The lilac bushes will have to be moved from the front to the north and south property lines. This will need to be done with a bobcat. A new entrance will need to be designed and created. There is a culvert that will have to be removed from the old driveway, as it is a danger. Grading will need to be done to accommodate a rain garden in the approximate area of the old garage. Also grading will need to be done for the pavilion site. There are rotten and dying trees and shrubs which will need

to be removed. There is a very old, large tree near the shoreline that the committee would like to have removed leaving the stump. The roots will help with erosion to the bank, but the committee would also like to see it made into a checker/chess board on top of the stump. Wheelchair accessible paths will need to be installed. Addressing the shoreline erosion will be an ongoing issue with Anoka County Conservation, but if work needs to be done requiring heavy equipment it should be done before the area is seeded or sodded. Committee Member Amundsen asked if the St. Paul Water Utility wanted to move the fence to separate the park property from their pump station building. Ms. Stephan will check with Mr. Larson, City Administrator, and report back to the committee.

The items the committee would like to have completed before the dedication would be: A pavilion, the rain garden in place, barbeque grills, picnic tables, 5 or 6 permanent benches, bike racks and ultimately a fountain made with the artesian well. The committee will continue to discuss the need or desire for electricity to the pavilion. Vice-Chairperson Seeley will continue to do research on the fountain. The committee is also interested in the possibility of solar powered lighting. Signage will also have to be added. Tentative plans for the dedication ceremony would be Saturday, August 3, 2007, following the Fete des Lacs Parade.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Committee Member Amundsen, seconded by Committee Member Harris, to adjourn the January 3, 2007 Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting at 9:05 p.m. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Transcribed by Kim Stephan