



**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, May 5, 2004 - 6:30 p.m.**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the Parks and Recreation Committee of the City of Centerville held the regularly scheduled meeting on May 5, 2004, at City Hall, 1880 Main Street.

**Present:** Chairperson Tedd Peterson  
Vice-Chairperson Wayne LeBlanc (6:50)  
Committee Member Julie Lindsay  
Committee Member Suzanne Seeley  
Committee Member Kathy Peil  
Committee Member Richard Anderson

**Absent:** Committee Member Andre Ziegler

**Council:** Tom Lee

**Staff:** Kim Stephan

Approved

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**I. ROLL CALL**

Chairperson Peterson called the May 5, 2004 Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting to order at 6:43 p.m.

**II SET AGENDA**

**Motion was made by Committee Member Peil, seconded by Committee Member Seeley, to set the May 5, 2004 Parks & Recreation Committee Agenda as is. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.**

**III. PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

**IV. APPEARANCES**

**V. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

**Motion was made by Committee Member Seeley, seconded by Committee Member Peil to approve the April 7, 2004 Parks & Recreation as is. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.**

## **VI. COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

### **Summer Programs**

#### **YMCA Summer Program**

There was no update to the YMCA Summer Program at this time. Jen Smith, Chain of Lakes YMCA Program Coordinator has been in contact with Committee Member Peil and Staff Member Stephan. There has been a rough draft of the flier to promote the YMCA Summer Program at Laurie LaMotte Memorial Park, but the final version has not been distributed. Ms. Stephan will contact Jen Smith to determine if the city needs to do anything else in preparation of the program.

#### **Bands in the Parks**

Chairperson Peterson contacted other cities in the area such as Roseville and White Bear Lake to get some ideas as to what was involved in having bands in their parks and how to proceed with starting a program in Centerville. While Chairperson Peterson felt he was able to gather some valuable information, while reviewing the options the conclusion was made that this will not be a feasible project to attempt this summer. Because of the paving project beginning with Laurie LaMotte Memorial Park parking lot, a skate park pad being installed and road construction on LaMotte Drive and Heritage Streets this area will be under construction for a few months. The committee will review bands in the park next season.

#### **Senior Programs**

Committee Member Seeley drafted a survey to help determine what types of programs residents would like to see offered. It was questioned whether there are existing programs at Chauncey Barrett, whether we have individual mailing lists for the residents of Chauncey Barrett or the Town Home Associations of Eagle Pass and whether the committee could give surveys to the managers/association presidents to distribute. The survey could also be put on the city's web site and cable or perhaps condensed and included in the next utility billing. It was suggested the survey be made generic for all age groups, not just senior programs. Ms. Stephan will discuss with staff the possibility of including this in the next newsletter.

### **Park Monument Signs / Flower Beds**

Committee Member Seeley has planted, weeded and fertilized the flower bed at Tracie McBride Memorial Park with plenty of fertilizer remaining for the other parks. The fertilizer will be available at City Hall. It was commented that the monument signs look terrible and need maintenance. Chairperson Peterson said this is on the Public Works list once new staff members are hired.

### **Economic Development Committee's Business Appreciation BBO**

The Economic Development Committee extended the invitation to the Parks & Recreation Committee to attend the Business Appreciation Barbeque being held Tuesday, May 13, 2004 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall.

### **Rice Creek Watershed District Drain Stenciling Program**

Committee Member Seeley talked to the coordinator of the stenciling program, Ms. Dawn Dubats, who will train those interested in participating on Thursday, May 13, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. at City Hall. At this time, Committee Member Seeley, Chairperson Peterson and Ms. Stephan plan to attend. The committee discussed various ways of involving & recruiting volunteers for this project. Chairperson Peterson will provide the volunteers with maps indicating where the storm sewers are located. Educational door knockers are provided by the Rice Creek Watershed District informing residents as to what the program is about.

### **Community Gardening**

Committee Member Seeley requested this item be added to the agenda to inquire as to whether there is interest in pursuing this idea this season. The plot behind City Hall is still available for this purpose, but water will have to be transported. Ms. Stephan will put information on the web site and cable with Committee Member Seeley as the contact person for any residents interested.

## **VII. UPDATES**

### **Subcommittees**

#### **Grants**

Committee Member Seeley reported that nothing has been heard at this time concerning the DNR Trail Grant which was submitted by the Parks & Recreation Committee in February 2004.

#### **Trails**

Committee Member Lindsay supplied those present with pictures of the area where the Parks & Recreation Committee would like to see a trail connected, west of St. Genevieve's Rectory along Centerville Lake. She also supplied pictures of the area on the eastern edge of the church property where the St. Genevieve's Renovation Committee has suggested a trail be located. It was also proposed this eastern option would involve a yearly renewal easement in the event the property is later developed and the trail does not work with the new owner's development. The church's option has the trail going within 16 feet of resident's homes, between & past rental properties, garages, a vacant house, dumpsters, and garbage. The committee felt there had been a previous agreement with the church and Father Fitzgerald when Goiffon Road was vacated and this trail option was unacceptable. It was also felt the church committee was attempting to create leverage with the city for bargaining the amount of pending street assessments. Chairperson Peterson, as a Public Works staff, informed the committee the city already has easements through

the church property along the lake with the St. Paul Water Services and sanitary sewer easements along LaMotte Drive. Council Member Lee suggested working through the City Council and using the easements for the placement of the trails in addition to continuing discussion with the St. Genevieve Renovation Committee. The preferred trail placement would be along the lake, but the second option would be along the vacated Goiffon Road.

Vice-Chairperson LeBlanc reported that in the last meeting with Anoka County representatives regarding County Road 14 it appeared the road project would fund the trail section along County Road 14 from Wargo Nature Center to Centerville on the south side of a 2-lane portion of the road. Apparently a trail in the wetland does not require mitigation and Anoka County Parks would support this project.

### **Laurie LaMotte Memorial Park Warming House Renovation**

The Warming House Renovation Committee has not met at this time. Chairperson Peterson stated he would still like to see the warming house expanded, although it cannot go up, it could expand outward. Discussion of redoing the interior walls and the concern of the damage hockey sticks can do to walls. Insulation was previously discussed, but Chairperson Peterson stated the heating bills for the warming house for the winter months was minimal. The committee would like to give it a cleaner look before the start of the YMCA Summer Program. The committee discussed getting together as a group to repaint the inside of the warming house or the possibility of involving the YMCA in the painting of the walls. Ms. Stephan will contact Ms. Jen Smith to determine what the start date of the program is and whether or not they would be interested in assisting with the painting. Chairperson Peterson and Committee Member Peil will meet at the warming house in the next week to determine what it needs and where to start.

### **Tracie McBride Memorial Park**

No current updates.

### **Wheels Skate Park**

Chairperson Peterson reported that the City Engineer has been asked to make the skate pad park priority when the street project begins. Construction will begin within the next few weeks. Chairperson Peterson will contact the representative from SunRamp to discuss a new design of the pad and ordering equipment such as grinding rails.

### **St. Genevieve Renovation / Trail Project**

Mr. Tom Wilharber, as a representative of St. Genevieve's Church appeared at the April 28, 2004 City Council meeting to discuss this issue. This item was discussed by the Parks & Recreation Committee under trails.

### **St. Paul Water Utility Property on Centerville Lake**

Included in the Parks & Recreation Committee packet were copies of current correspondence with the St. Paul Water Utility. City Council motioned at the April 28, 2004 City Council Meeting to have Mr. Tschida present Option B to the Board of Water Commissioners at their

next meeting, scheduled May 11, 2004. Option B would involve the city allowing the pipe, which crosses the property to remain, resulting in a revised valuation of \$253,900.

The committee discussed the financial statement prepared by the Finance Director, as well as reviewing the budget the committee had submitted for projected goals and projects over the next 5 years. There were numerous items the committee was able to remove or modify at this time due to more recent cost information. For instance the paving of Laurie LaMotte Memorial Park parking lot and the cost of the skate park pad have been lowered from the projected amount, the monies needed in the event the DNR Trail Grant is awarded to Centerville was lower than budgeted for and there were items the committee would like to apply for grants for instead of budgeting the entire amount. The committee feels strongly that the parcel of property on Centerville Lake should be purchased by the city, using Park Dedication Fees, for park property.

**Motion was made by Vice-Chairperson LeBlanc, seconded by Chairperson Peterson, to revise the Parks & Recreation Committee Budget as previously presented to City Council to accommodate the purchase of the St. Paul Water Utility Property on Centerville Lake. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.**

#### **Commercial & Industrial Park Dedication Fees**

The Council discussed and tabled this item until June, 2004. This is dependant on pending legislation.

### **VIII. FINANCIALS**

Financials supplied by the Finance Director were discussed regarding the purchase of the St. Paul Water Utilities property on Centerville Lake.

### **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion was made by Vice-Chairperson LeBlanc, seconded by Chairperson Peterson to adjourn the May 5, 2004 Parks & Recreation Committee meeting at 8:10 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.**

Transcribed by Kim Stephan