



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE September 4, 2002 MEETING MINUTES

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the Parks and Recreation Committee of the City of Centerville held the regularly scheduled meeting on September 4, 2002, at City Hall, 1880 Main Street.

Present: Karla DeVine
Wayne LeBlanc
Tom Lee
Kathy Peil
Brian Walter (arrived 7:15)
Suzanne Seeley
Tedd Peterson (arrived 7:10 p.m.)

Approved

Absent: None

Council: Absent

Staff: Kim Stephan

I. ROLL CALL

Chairperson DeVine called the meeting to order at 6:44 p.m.

II. SET AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

III. PUBLIC HEARING(S)

None.

IV. APPEARANCES

Council Member Broussard-Vickers was unable to attend the meeting, but made a brief appearance to discuss the 2003 budget as it affects the Parks and Recreation Committee. The City Council voted to stay at the 2002 levy amount. This will reduce the amount

available to the committee. The amount allotted to Parks and Recreation for 2003 will be approximately \$10,000 and the Parks Program Coordinator position was eliminated. Council Member Broussard-Vickers said in the budgeting process they are attempting to take more of the park maintenance costs from the general fund .

V. CONSIDERATION OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion was made by Committee Member LeBlanc, seconded by Chairperson DeVine, to approve the August 7, 2002 Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes. Ayes - 6, Nays - 0, Abstain – 1 (Peterson) Motion carried.

VI. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2003 Budget & Future Project List

Chairperson DeVine started the discussion with the projected total dollar figure for 2003. The committee then went through the previously prepared future project list assigning priorities and dollar amounts. See the budget attachment for the final figures. There is \$3,350 in two miscellaneous trail funds which will not be added to the projected total until Ms. Paulseth, Finance Director, determines where this money came from.

In regards to future projects, Committee Member Peterson reports the Laurie LaMotte parking lot can be paved for \$42,000. Lino Lakes does not have any plans to repair their portion of LaMotte Drive in the next few years. The committee feels paving the parking lot should be top priority. Committee Member LeBlanc is interested in the city acquiring a small parcel of land from St. Genevieves Church to run a trail from Lamotte Drive to Meadow Lane. It would be approximately 700 feet from Centerville Road to the parking lot at Laurie LaMotte Park. Committee Member LeBlanc is concerned with children and bikers crossing Centerville Road at Meadow Lane to get to the trail at Hunters Crossing. Committee Member LeBlanc also questions whether there is an easement along Centerville Road which could be used for a future trail, Committee Member LeBlanc will research this with the county. Committee Member LeBlanc would also like to monitor the Centerville Lake property, which is for sale by the St. Paul Water Utility

Chairperson DeVine will put in a formal request to Paul Palzer to replace the rotting timbers at Tracie McBride Park as these timbers have become a safety issue. Committee Member Seeley has information on prices and manufacturers of recycled timbers, prices need to be compared to wood and information and suggestions will be passed on to Public Works.

Park & Trail Plan

This item was tabled as Chairperson DeVine had not discussed the Park & Trail Plan with Paul Palzer. This item will be put on the next committee meeting agenda.

Pheasant Marsh/Hunters Crossing Trail

City Administrator Moore-Sykes had requested the Parks & Recreation Committee review the need for a crossing/warning sign where the trail from Hunters Crossing runs across Centerville Road to the Pheasant Marsh I trail. Tom Wilharber came before council to request something be done as it is a dangerous situation for bikers who are not aware that they are coming onto a busy county road. Ms. Moore Sykes would like a letter drafted by Parks & Recreation to Anoka County. Chairperson DeVine asked Committee Member LeBlanc if he would contact the county and see what needs to be done and report at the next committee meeting. Committee Member Peterson suggested contacting Forest Lake to determine how they were able to put a crosswalk in on Highway 61, north of Broadway.

Lion's Branch Club Report on Concession Sales

Committee Member Peil submitted a report for the Centerville Lions Branch Club 2002 Concession Sales at Laurie LaMotte Park. The report shows total revenues at \$499.00, expenses \$340.14 and profits of \$185.40 with 20% to Park and Recreation at \$37.08. The Branch Club sold concessions for eight (8) nights during the Little League season. Sales were zero at the current warming house location for the first few nights. Once the Branch Club moved to a table near the ball fields, sales improved.

Submitting Requests for Charitable Gambling Funds

The committee discussed the idea of requesting charitable gambling funds from Dead Broke Saddle Club and the Spring Lake Park Lions

Motion was made by Committee Member Peterson, seconded by Committee Member Lee to recommend to council to approve City Administrator Moore-Sykes working with Committee Member Peterson as a representative of the Parks and Recreation Committee, to submit an application to Dead Broke Saddle Club requesting approximately \$1,000 to purchase a set of bleachers for the Laurie LaMotte Park ball fields. An application would also be submitted to the Spring Lake Park Lions requesting approximately \$2,000 for bike racks for each of the 5 parks in Centerville.

Committee Member Seeley will get prices for bleachers and bike racks.

\$26,000 Charitable Gambling Funds

Committee Member Peil submitted a letter to the committee from the Centerville Lions Club which states the Lions have contacted the Architects for Bruggeman Companies to start a couple of design scenarios for expanding and remodeling of the existing park building, located at Laurie LaMotte Park. Hopefully, these plans will be presented to the Parks & Recreation Committee at the October Meeting. Committee Member Peterson presented a tentative drawing, with dimensions of 40 x 50, of a possible design plan for the warming house. These ideas were discussed by the committee and will be given to the architects.

Motion was made by Committee Member Lee, seconded by Chairperson DeVine, to recommend to council the designation of the approximately \$26,000 charitable gambling funds to renovate the existing warming at Laurie LaMotte Park. All in Favor: Motion passed unanimously.

Chairperson DeVine questioned whether the roof on the current warming house could just be patched for now, opposed to replacing the roof, and isn't this a maintenance issue that Public Works should be looking at instead of the Parks & Recreation Committee.

VII. UPDATES

Skate Park (Monthly Review)

There are still residents questioning why the half-pipe has not been installed at Wheels Park. Chairperson DeVine will discuss it with Paul Palzer.

Bonestroo Trail Map/EDC New Resident Packet

This item was tabled until the next scheduled committee meeting as Chairperson DeVine has not met with EDC Members Scheller and Terway. Committee Member Walter has taken some digital pictures of local parks and Committee Member LeBlance will take some trail pictures.

Acorn Creek Park Trail Repair

The Acorn Creek Trail still needs work. The trail is leaking under the pipe and eroding the trail. Committee Member Peterson reported the developer needs to pump concrete in and around the pipes to stop the erosion. The City Engineer has not signed off on this project. In working on the trail the developers has broken up two sidewalk panels and dirt keeps running off onto the trail. This section of the trail is being handled through the developer, the City Engineer and Rice Creek Watershed.

SCORE Funds

Committee Member Seeley presented information to the committee after meeting with a SCORE Fund representative of Anoka County,Carolynn Smith. It was again emphasized that SCORE funds need to be used on educational type programs and cannot be used to purchase equipment such as bleachers or bike racks, even if the equipment is made out of recycled materials. Ms. Smith did suggest looking into OEA Grants for next year. Committee Member Seeley also has a phone list for Minnesota suppliers of recycled products. Anoka County Parks has had great success with using recycled products. The benefits of a longer life, maintenance free, and practically indestructible outweigh the added costs.

County Road 14 Expansion

The Anoka County Engineer was at the last council meeting and left maps of a proposed design for County Road 14. He specifically said the maps were the first proposal and Anoka County would not even be in the planning phase until probably Spring or Fall of 2003 and there will be numerous meetings scheduled before that time. The work will not begin on the road until probably 2005 and the funding is good until 2008. The intended road will be 44 feet curb to curb and although designed as a 4-lane road, only 3 lanes will be used with one lane as a turning lane. Maps will remain in the council chambers for residents to review. There are no plans for work on Centerville Road. The committee would like updates on County Road 14 as it affects potential trails and or sidewalks.

Royal Meadows Park

The committee had a discussion as to how to have a public input meeting on moving the play structure from Royal Meadows Park to Laurie LaMotte Park and replacing it with a bigger basket ball court. Ms. Stephan will report at the next meeting.

Motion was made by Committee Member Walter, seconded by Committee member LeBlanc, to adjourn the September 4, 2002 Parks and Recreation Meeting at 9:12 p.m. All in Favor: Motion carried Unanimously