

Medina Park Commission Meeting Minutes

July 16, 2008

Medina City Hall

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The Park Commission of Medina, Minnesota met in regular session on July 16, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Medina City Hall. Park Commission Chair Ann Thies presided.

1) Call to Order

Commissioners present: Ann Thies, Ben Benson, Brian Kingsley, Galen Bruer, and Peter Lecy

Commissioners absent: Madeleine Linck and Beth Nielsen

Also present: Chad Adams, Jodi Wunsch, and Steve Scherer

2) Additions to the Agenda: None.

3) Approval of the Minutes from June 18, 2008:

A motion was made by Galen Bruer and seconded by Ben Benson to approve the minutes with no changes. Motion passed unanimously.

4) Public Comments (on items not on the agenda):

A. Joe Castellano, Plymouth Resident, requested that the Park Commission consider allowing him to use Hamel Legion Park to conduct a Schutzhund dog training club. Schutzhund is the highest form of training for German Shepherds. These dogs are trained/scored in three areas: 1) tracking; 2) obedience; 3) protection. The training area would need to be the size of a football field. Training is conducted all year round. It would typically be done on Saturdays and possibly Wednesday evenings. Castellano is in the early stages of forming a club, but estimates that about four to ten people may be interested in participating. The Park Commission requested that Castellano set up a meeting with staff to discuss details and bring a report back to the August Park Commission meeting.

B. Bill Roberts, 3310 Red Fox Drive, asked the Park Commission what the City's intentions are with the Hunter Lions Park sign once the City purchases new uniform park signs. Roberts as a resident and Lions member expressed interest in maintaining the sign in the park and keeping the park's name. The Park Commission assured Roberts that the name of the park would not change.

Benson suggested moving the sign into the park to maintain the park's history and placing the new uniform park sign by the street.

Adams suggested creating a plaque that would tell the history of the park similar to the plaque at Holy Name Park.

Bruer stated that once the City has a sign design, the Park Commission will better know if it is possible to incorporate both signs or come up with a compromise.

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5) Trail Study

The Park Commission conducted a final review of the completed trail study and made a few minor corrections. A sentence was removed in the description of the Hunter Drive Trail that referred to property owners who have been unwilling to allow the trail past their properties.

A motion was made by Brian Kingsley and seconded by Peter Lecy to recommend to the Council adoption of the 2008 Trail Study with staff corrections. Motion passed unanimously.

6) Capital Improvement Planning

The Park Commission reviewed the 2009 CIP that had been revised based on the Park Commission's June 16th meeting discussion.

Bruer suggested that when the city relocates trees, a variety of tree species are relocated to combat any diseases that may come through.

Thies questioned if the proposed parking area in the North East area of Hamel Legion Park would be shared with the Hamel businesses for use during the day and park use in the evenings. Adams suggested a possible joint agreement with Inn Kahoots.

Thies questioned why the Willow Drive Trail from Morningside to County Road 6 is not budgeted until 2011. Adams stated that the project should be done in conjunction with the Willow Drive total reconstruct project, which is in the City's Pavement Management Program for 2011.

Lecy pointed out that all seven trails designated as 'high priority' by the Park Commission should be added to the CIP to be completed within the next five years.

Benson questioned the \$250,000 each year for land acquisition. Adams clarified that the City is not depositing \$250,000 into an account each year, but just moving the line forward. Thies questioned if the City has a maintenance budget to maintain the Tomann Parcel once it is given to the City.

There was a general consensus to move \$20,000 from 2008 to 2009 for park signage because the project will not get done until the City establishes a new logo.

A motion was made by Ben Benson and seconded by Brian Kingsley to recommend to the Council adoption of the 2009 CIP relating to parks and trails with the addition of high priority trails and park signage moved to 2009. Motion passed unanimously.

7) Staff Report

a) General Updates:

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- The Recreation Subcommittee conducted their first meeting and is proposing to hold an open house prior to the next Park Commission meeting to present suggestions and recommendations to the public on a city recreation program and the concession stand.

A motion was made by Galen Bruer and seconded by Ben Benson to hold a special meeting on August 20, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

- Scherer updated the Park Commission on progress made at Holy Name Park by showing a few pictures of compost, shoreline restoration, and the process for creating a Low Impact Design.
- The Fountain at the entrance plaza in Hamel Legion Park is scheduled to be installed on July 17, 2008.

b) Dog Ordinance: An update was given that the City currently has an ordinance in place to regulate dog waste. It can be found in Section 515.09, Subd. 8 of the Medina City Code.

9) Adjourn

A motion was made by Ben Benson, seconded by Brian Kingsley and passed unanimously, to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Jodi Wunsch.