



MEDINA NEWS

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Spring 2002

Mayor John Ferris Resigns Phil Zietlow Appointed Mayor

At the February 5th City Council meeting, John Ferris resigned as Mayor of Medina. John had been on a leave of absence for medical reasons since November and felt that he would not be able to devote the time required to fulfill his position as mayor and that he would like to spend more time with his family.

There will be an open house for John on April 11th from 5:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at City Hall. At 6:00 p.m. during the open house, there will be a short program thanking John for the 12 years he dedicated to the City as Mayor, Council Member, and Planning Commissioner.

At the same meeting, Phil Zietlow was appointed Mayor and will serve through the end of 2002. A special election will be held in November for the remaining two years of the Mayor's term.

Phil Zietlow's appointment as Mayor left his Council seat open. Tom Supel was appointed, by the Council, to fill the remaining portion of Phil's Zietlow's term. Tom is a Planning Commissioner and a 25 year resident of the City of Medina. He will remain on the Planning Commission until April. This vacancy will be filled by the Council at their second meeting in April. Persons interested in being appointed to the Planning Commission, are invited to send a letter of interest to the Council by April 11th. To qualify, you must have been a resident since April 1999.

For more information on upcoming City elections
please see the election article on page # 5



Cabin Social Set For June 13, 2002

Come out and spend a fun evening with your Medina neighbors at the 2002 Cabin Social. The Cabin Social will be on Thursday, June 13th at City Hall from 6:30 p.m. to dusk. This event will feature a return performance by the Brooklyn Community Band. The evening will conclude with fireworks. Ice cream, popcorn, and bottled water will be provided, but feel free to bring a picnic basket for you and your family. There will be picnic tables and space on the lawn for a picnic.

The West Hennepin Pioneers Museum will feature displays about the history of Medina. The name "Cabin Social" honors the Wolsfeld cabin located at City Hall.

In case of rain, the Cabin Social will be held in the Public Works building. For more information, call Jim Dillman, Public Works Director, at 763-473-4643.

Clean-Up Day Saturday, April 27

The City is planning its annual City-Wide Clean-Up Day for Saturday, April 27. This event will begin at 8:00 am and last until 2:00 pm. Residents will soon be receiving more detailed information in the mail. If you would like to help, please call Sandie Larson at 763-473-4643.

Upcoming Events and Activities

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| ✓ | 2nd | Tue - City Council Meeting 7:30 pm | April 2002 |
| ✓ | 4th | Thurs - Recycling Day | |
| ✓ | 8th | Mon - Ag Task Force Mtg with Council and Planning Commission 6:30 pm | |
| ✓ | 9th | Tue - Planning Commission 7:00 pm | |
| ✓ | 10th | Wed - Board of Review Meeting 7:00 pm | |
| ✓ | 11th | Open House for former Mayor John Ferris | |
| ✓ | 16th | Tue - City Council Meeting 7:30 pm | |
| ✓ | 17th | Wed - Park Commission Meeting 7:00 pm | |
| ✓ | 18th | Thurs - Recycling Day | |
| ✓ | 27th | Sat - <u>Clean-Up Day</u> 8:00 am - 2:00 pm | |

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| ✓ | 2nd | Thurs - Recycling Day | May 2002 |
| ✓ | 7th | Tue - City Council Meeting 7:30 pm | |
| ✓ | 14th | Tue - Planning Commission 7:00 pm | |
| ✓ | 15th | Wed - Park Commission Meeting 7:00 pm | |
| ✓ | 16th | Thurs - Recycling Day | |
| ✓ | 21th | Tue - City Council Meeting 7:30 pm | |
| ✓ | 27th | Mon - Memorial Day - <u>City Offices Closed</u> | |
| ✓ | 31st | Fri - Recycling Day | |

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| ✓ | 4th | Tue - City Council Meeting 7:30 pm | June 2002 |
| ✓ | 11th | Tue - Planning Commission 7:00 pm | |
| ✓ | 13th | Thurs - <u>Cabin Social</u> - 6:30 pm - Dusk | |
| ✓ | 13th | Thurs - Recycling Day | |
| ✓ | 18th | Tue - City Council Meeting 7:30 pm | |
| ✓ | 19th | Wed - Park Commission Meeting 7:00 pm | |
| ✓ | 27th | Thur - Recycling Day | |

⊛ All meetings at City Hall unless otherwise noted
⊛ Meeting agendas on web site when available



Burning Permits

Many have asked if burning is permitted in the City of Medina.

Burning is allowed. However, according to City Code, property owners must first obtain a burning permit. Although this will not protect you from responsibility if the fire gets out of control, it will help you follow the City's burning regulations and give you guidance in conducting a safe burn. One very important thing to remember is a burning site cannot be located within 600' of an occupied building, not including the property owner's. Recreational fires are also permitted. However, a permit is still required. A recreational burn permit is issued for a fire that is no larger than 3' x 3' x 3' and is issued for the entire calendar year.

Applications for burning permits can be obtained at the police department or on the City's Web site. If you have any questions, please contact the police department or visit the City Web site at www.ci.medina.mn.us.

Dogs at Large

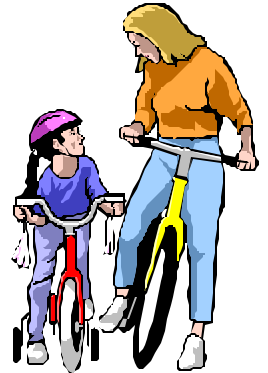
The City of Medina has an ordinance governing dogs. Dogs are not allowed to run at large and are considered "at large" when off the property of the owner and not under restraint. Dogs must be on a leash or under the immediate voice control of the person they are with.

With spring almost here, dogs naturally want to be out. Please respect your neighbor's property by being a responsible pet owner. This will not only set a good example for others in your neighborhood, but for young people, as well. For further information, or if you have any questions, please refer to City Code Sec. 345 on the City's web site, or contact the police department at 763-473-9209.



Hey Kids, Bike Season Is Coming!

Believe it or not, this crazy winter will eventually give way to spring, and that means bicycle season. Unfortunately, it also means bike accident season. This time of year is notorious for children getting injured, or worse, as a result of these accidents. According to the National Safety Council, each year 350,000 children in this country are injured in bike-related accidents seriously enough to require a hospital visit, and 250 are fatal.



Many factors contribute to bicycle mishaps, but two of the most common are bicycles that are in an unsafe condition and a failure of the riders to observe common safety rules. These following tips from the National SAFE KIDS Campaign can help:

- ⊗ **Always wear a properly fitted helmet. A helmet can reduce your risk of head and brain injury in an accident by over 85%.**
- ⊗ **Bicycles are vehicles. Learn and obey the rules of the road.**
- ⊗ **Don't assume motorists can see you, especially at night.**
- ⊗ **Avoid wearing headphones while riding your bike; they can impair your ability to hear traffic.**
- ⊗ **Keep your bike properly maintained. Have it checked by a competent mechanic at least once a year.**

This year, let's band together to keep bike accidents to a minimum by attending the annual Medina Bike Rodeo. This fun-filled event will be held April 20, 2002, in the parking lot of Holy Name School, 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Check-in no later than noon. We will have bike inspection areas, safety demonstrations, and a number of bike safety related activities to participate in. In addition, we will have food and drinks available, as well as prize giveaways.

So what do ya say? Dust off those bikes, grab those helmets, and let's plan on a fun day of biking. Please fill out the attached registration slip, and return it to the Medina Police Department by April 5 so we can get an approximate count of attendees. See you there!

Child's Name: _____

Age: _____ Phone #: _____

Name of School: _____

Mail to: Medina Police Department
Attn: Kevin Randolph
2052 County Rd. 24
Medina, MN 55340
Or Fax to: 763-473-6939

Public Works News

Brush Pile Reopens on a Limited Basis

For many years, the City has had a drop-off site for brush and tree waste. This site has been open at all hours for Medina residents only but was not formally monitored. During the past year, there was an increase in use of the brush pile by non-residents. The City had difficulty disposing of this additional material. Therefore, the City Council considered two options: 1) closing the site permanently or 2) having the site open for limited amounts of time while monitoring it. The Council decided that the disposal site is a benefit to Medina residents and did not want to shut it down. Therefore, the Council established some new rules and guidelines which are outlined below:

1. If you have brush to dispose of and have a location to burn it, contact the Medina Police Department for a burn permit. If you are not eligible for a burn permit and have no other way to dispose of your brush, you can bring it to the City site, located next to the Medina Public Works garage at City Hall.
2. **Site Hours** - the brush pile will be open on Wednesdays from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. and on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. The compost pile will be open during the same hours.
3. Any tree waste from maples, ash, or oak that may be suitable for firewood will be separated into a separate pile. This firewood will be available to residents.
4. Absolutely no hay, straw, or any grass or vine waste is to be put in the brush pile.
5. Residents who use contractors for tree removal, may bring tree waste to the site during the regular scheduled hours, but only if the City is notified by the resident in advance.
6. Annually, the pile will be chipped and wood chips will be available.
7. When open the site will be monitored and identification will be required.
8. **And most importantly**, the Council would like residents who use this service to consider volunteering their time monitoring the site. If you can volunteer, please call Sandie at the City office: 763-473-4643

2002 ROAD PROJECT UPDATES

Below is a summary of road projects planned in Medina in 2002.

City Projects

- P **Chippewa Road** - The City plans to complete the base work and pave Chippewa Road from Willow Dive to Mohawk Drive.
- P **Brockton Lane** - The City plans to add a second lift of asphalt to Brockton Lane from Hamel Road to Medina Road.
- P **TH 55 & Willow Drive Intersection Improvements** - see update at right

County Projects

- P **Prairie Drive** - This project involves constructing the remainder of Prairie Drive through the Hennepin County Public Works facility property. This road will eventually become part of a southern backage road for businesses along TH 55.
- P **CR 101** - CR 101 from TH 55 to Hackamore Road/CR 47 will be realigned and reconstructed. This project is scheduled to start this summer/fall and completed in 2003.
- P **Pinto Drive** - A small segment of Pinto will be overlaid from TH 55 to CR 115.
- P **CR 29** - A small segment of CR 29 north of State Highway 12 will also receive an overlay this summer.

County/State Projects

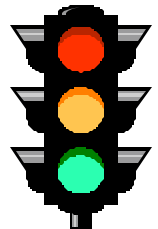
- P **TH 55** - MnDOT and the County will be reconstructing a section of TH 55 from CR 116 to Arrowhead Drive. This project will consist four lanes and a backage road from Arrowhead east north of TH 55.

TH 55 & Willow Drive Intersection Improvements

The TH 55 and Willow Intersection Improvement is moving along.

There have been some delays, but the project is on schedule. The City is currently in the process of collecting necessary access closures along TH 55

to qualify for \$500,000 grant from MnDOT. The remainder of this \$1,500,000 project is coming from special assessments levied on properties around the signal and from Tax Increment Financing Dollars from districts that existed in this area. Construction is projected to begin in June or July.



Planning and Zoning News

PERMIT ACTIVITY

Permit Update:



2001: In 2001, 133 building permits were issued with a total value of \$17,591,500. 21 were for new residential dwellings and 1 was for a new commercial building.

2002: This year has started with the issuance of 27 permits in January and February with a value of \$5,955,300. Nine of these permits were for new residential dwellings.

Building Inspections

Update on construction activity:

Wild Meadows: This project is off to a big start with LeGran Homes starting 6 homes and Lundgren Brothers 2 homes.

Medina Highlands: This townhome development by Charles Cudd has started with 6 homes so far this year.

Both areas have model homes and participated in the Parade of Homes Spring Preview.

Permit Reminder

If you are planning any building projects, permits are required for, but not limited to: all basement and/or room finishes; fireplaces; furnace and/or air conditioners, new and replacements; decks that are over 30" above the ground and/or decks that are attached to a building structure; building additions and/or alterations; residing; re-roofing; lawn irrigation systems; and storage sheds that are over 120 square feet.

Storage sheds not on a permanent foundation and under 120 square feet are exempt from building permits and may be as close as 5' from the property line.

Building contractors and roofing contractors are required to be licensed by the Department of Commerce.

If you have any questions regarding the state building code or have questions concerning a permit for a project, please call Metro West Inspection Services at 763-479-1720.

PLANNING ACTIVITY

Web Site - www.ci.medina.mn.us

More and more planning information is available on the City's Web Site, including the City's ordinances, City Council and Planning Commission minutes and agendas, and the City's Comprehensive Plan. If there is additional information that you would like to see on the City's web site, please let us know, and we will try to accommodate you.

Planning Items in Progress

The City currently has several land use applications under review. One of the more significant items is a senior cooperative project at the NE corner of the intersection of Highway 55 and County Road 101 North. This project includes 107 units and is being proposed by the Gramercy Corporation. Their application will be discussed at the April 9, 2002 Planning Commission meeting.

Agriculture Task Force

An 8-member Agricultural Task Force has met twice monthly since early January to review current agricultural land uses (structures and practices) in Medina, project future trends, and recommend possible ordinance changes. Members include two City Council members, two Planning Commissioners, and four at large members. The task force has received valuable input from several public agency resources, including USDA Soil Conservation Service/Natural Resources Conservation Service, University of Minnesota Extension Service, Hennepin County Conservation District, Three Rivers Parks (formerly Hennepin Parks), and representatives of the City of Independence.

The task force began its work by surveying current agricultural uses in Medina, finding several interesting things. First, like nationwide and statewide situations, there are fewer and fewer working or family farms in Medina. With some exceptions, most cropland in Medina is farmed by contract farmers under lease with land owners. Only a few still farm their own land. Secondly, there are only about ten dairy or small beef feedlots remaining in Medina. Staff estimates that there are fewer than 200 head of cattle, sheep, and hogs on farms in the City. There are many more horses in 5-6 commercial boarding and riding stables and on private horse farms - perhaps 450-500 head, based upon "windshield" surveys by City staff and the Hennepin Conservation District. There also is one small buffalo herd. No poultry farms were identified in Medina.

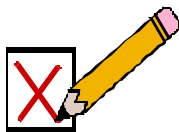
Issues that the task force has considered include compatibility of residential and agricultural land uses; preservation of agricultural and other open land; water quality and protection of significant natural features, including the City's abundant wetlands; buildings and other structures; manure management of livestock operations, including horse farms; possible livestock density standards; and restriction of phosphorous sources, including fertilizer, animal waste, and runoff from feedlots and pastures.

The task force plans to report its findings, conclusions, and recommendations to a joint meeting of the City Council and Planning Commission at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, April 8, at City Hall. Interested members of the public are welcome to attend.

Medina Election News

2002 Election Update

This year there will be a primary election on September 10, 2002 and general election on November 5, 2002. Medina residents vote at the Medina City Hall at 2052 CR 24 for both primary and general elections.



Primary Election

The primary election provides each party with an opportunity to select candidates to run in the general election. **Therefore, those voting can only vote for members of one party and are not allowed to cross over to another party on the same ballot.** In the primary election the following offices could be on the ballot:

- U.S. Senator and U.S. Representative
- Governor and Lieutenant Governor
- Secretary of State, State Auditor, and Attorney General
- State Senator and State Representative
- State Judicial Officers

For both the primary and general elections the polling place will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m.

General Election

The general election includes the offices listed above, as well as offices for the City, schools, and any school board referendums (at this time we are not aware of any school districts that have voted to include a referendum).

Medina City Elections

This year the City of Medina will hold elections for two City Council seats, each with a four year term, and a special election to fill the remaining two years of the Mayors' term. Residents interested in running for a City office can file, starting on August 27, 2002 at City Hall. Affidavits of candidacy must be filed by 5:00 p.m. on September 10, 2002 in order to be included on the general election ballot.

School Board Elections

This year Medina residents living in the Delano School District also will vote for school board members.

Election Judges

Medina will soon be conducting state and local elections and will be looking for residents to serve as election judges. If you are interested, please read on...

What does it take to be an election judge? Well you must:

- Be eligible to vote
- Be able to read, write, and speak English
- Not be the spouse, parent, child or sibling of another election judge (at the same polling place)
- Not be a candidate in the election
- Attend required training
- Declare your party affiliation (state law requires this to ensure that no more than half of the election judges at a polling place are from any one party)

State law allows election judges time off from work without lost wages (i.e., regular workday pay!) if you give 20 days prior notice to your employer. You also receive full pay for time off to take training classes. If you are not employed, the City will pay you \$7.00 an hour for both training and service.

What does an election judge do?

- Open and close the polls.
- Set up voting equipment.
- Register and sign in voters.
- Distribute and collect ballots.
- Record and certify vote totals.

Being an election judge is an excellent opportunity to serve your community; it's fun; and it's a great way to meet your neighbors and be part of the election process. If you are interested, please call Sandie Larson at the Medina City Hall at 763-473-4643.



SMOKE & CARBON MONOXIDE
DETECTORS
Remember...Don't Be Home Without One!!



A good time to replace your batteries is when daylight savings time begins and ends

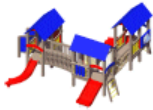
Park and Recreation News

Medina's Website
www.ci.medina.mn.us

Medina Morningside Park to Receive New Equipment

Volunteers Needed!!

The Park Commission and the City Council have approved the purchase of new play equipment for Medina Morningside Park. Volunteers will be needed for help with installation of this equipment. Installation is scheduled for May 4, 2002. If you are willing to help Please call Jim Dillman at 763-473-4643



Recreation Programs

The City of Medina does not provide formal recreation programs. This is done by the Hamel Athletic Association and local School Districts. If you are interested in finding out what programs are provided by the Hamel Athletic Club please call Jim Johnson at 763-478-2744. For other programs, please contact your local school district.

Underpass at Baker Park

This summer, Three Rivers Parks (formerly Hennepin Parks) plans to build an underpass under CR 19 south of CR 24, linking the west and east portions of Baker Park south of CR 24.

Medina's website is constantly being updated and modified. We recently added the City's Comprehensive Plan and work to keep this site up to date on current events. If there are items or information you would like to see on the City's web site, please contact City Hall.

Medina City Council Minutes—e-mailed

If you are interested in receiving Medina City Council minutes please e-mail paul@ci.medina.mn.us and he will add you to an ever growing list of Council meeting minute recipients. In addition to the minutes from the prior meeting, an agenda for the upcoming Council meeting is e-mailed at the same time.

City Council Designates South Crow River News as Legal Paper

At the February 5, 2002 City Council Meeting the City Council designated the Crow River News as the City's Legal paper. The Council felt they provided better coverage of City issues and would therefore be more likely to be read and more useful as the City's legal paper.

The Crow River is a weekly subscription paper that costs \$24 annually. However, if you order by April 1, 2002 your can receive a two year subscription for \$30. If you are interested, please call 763-425-3323.

Additionally, residents can visit the Crow River News web site for information on Medina at www.pressnews.com.

Board Of Review Meeting April 10, 2002 at 6:30 p.m. City Hall

The Medina City Council will address objections to the property class and/or the market value as of January 2, 2001. The Board does not determine taxes and may not entertain such objections. By State law, the Board's powers are limited to correcting the property class and/or the market value for this year only.

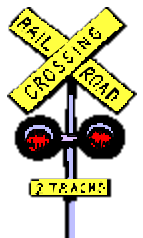
The property owner is responsible for presenting evidence to the Board as to why the property class and/or the market value determined by the assessor is not fair and equitable. The Board has the authority to decrease, sustain, or increase the market value of property.

Subsequent appeal procedures include the County Board of Equalization and the Minnesota Tax Court. Refer to the reverse side of your valuation notice for additional information regarding these appeal methods. If you have any questions regarding the Board of Review process, please call Rolf Erickson, City Assessor, at 952-473-1844.

RAILROAD CROSSING LIGHTS AND ARM TO BE INSTALLED

This spring, railroad crossing warning lights and stop arms will be installed at the railroad crossing on Pioneer Trail.

The warning lights and stop arms will stop road users when trains are approaching. Increased car and truck traffic warrant extra safety precautions.



Recycling and Related News



RECYCLING REMINDERS

Medina recycling pick-up occurs every other Thursday. Please have your recyclables out by 7:00 am so that they can be collected. If you missed a pickup, call EZ Recycling at 651-644-6577 or Amelia Kroger, our Recycling Coordinator, at 952-476-0012 to make alternate arrangements. 2002 Calendars were sent out in December 2001. If you did not receive one please call City Hall.

Extra recycling bins and wheel kits are available at City Hall for purchase. Recycling bins are \$3.00 and wheel kits are \$5.00.

Remember that the City bills residents annually for recycling services. If you have questions regarding billing please direct them to the City and not EZ Recycling. You can call Laura Sulander, Deputy Clerk, with your questions at 763-473-4643.

Hennepin County Offers a Great Deal on Compost Bins

Get your very own compost bin at a great price!

The bin features include 13 cubic feet capacity, a sturdy, easy to open lid, harvesting door, and the bin is made from recycled plastic. The cost of the bin is only \$20, with the retail price more than \$70! Bins must be pre-ordered. Limit 1 bin per household.

Backyard composting is an easy way to turn the waste from your yard and kitchen into a rich material that you can use to improve your soil. Using finished compost on your lawn and garden will provide an organic fertilizer, suppress weeds, and hold moisture in the soil.

To guarantee a bin today, pre-order online! We will reserve a bin for you and send you a confirmation card approximately 10 days prior to the event. Come to your chosen location, with cash or check for \$20. Bins must be picked up the day of the event, sorry no exceptions. For more information and to register online, visit: www.co.hennepin.mn.us/environmental or call 612-348-9266.



Height 29" x Width 30"

The two pick up location are listed below:

Maple Grove
Government Center
12800 Arbor Lakes Pkwy
Sat. April 27
9 am - 2 pm
Orders due by April 10

or

Eden Prairie
Education Ctr. (enter on Tech Dr.)
8040 Mitchell Rd
Sat. May 18
9 am - 2 pm
Orders due by May 1

This program is sponsored by Hennepin County and the Solid Waste Management Coordinating Board.

Salvation Army Collection

Saturday May 4
9 am - 1 pm only
Orono Intermediate School parking lot
Information: call 952-476-0012

2002 West Hennepin Cities Collection for Unwanted Garden & Household Hazardous Wastes

May 2 - 4, 2002
9 am to 4 pm, Thursday
through Saturday

Independence City Hall parking lot,
1920 CR 90, Independence
Information: 612-348-6509
or 612-348-6500

MATERIALS ACCEPTED FROM HOUSEHOLDS ONLY

Items Accepted

- adhesives
- aerosols (pressurized or containing product)
- auto wastes (fuel additives, starter fluid, waxes, etc)
- auto tires - small fee
- household batteries (AA, C, D, rechargeable, etc.)
- cleaning solvents
- consumer electronics (Tvs, radios, VCRs, etc)
- drain cleaners
- fluorescent and HID lamps
- rechargeable appliances
- paints & lead-based paint chips
- paint thinners & solvents
- pesticides (insecticides, herbicides, etc.)
- photographic & hobby chemicals
- vehicle lead-acid batteries (cars, boats, etc.)
- wood preservatives

Items not Accepted

- appliances (refrigerators, ovens, microwaves, washers, dryers, water heaters, water conditioner tanks, etc)
- asbestos
- compressed gas cylinders & tanks
- explosives
- medical or infectious wastes
- motor oil & oil filters*
- radioactive wastes (e.g. smoke detectors)



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City Hall Office Hours

Mon-Fri 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Telephone Numbers

City Hall..... 763-473-4643
 Fax 763-473-9359
 Police emergency.....911
 non-emergency 763-473-9209

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 Carolyn Smith.....763-475-1003
 Tom Supel763-475-3264
 Bruce Workman ...763-478-8806

City Council Meetings

First & third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Planning Commission

Elizabeth Weir, Chair
 Gerald Brost
 Randy Brinkman
 Ron Johnson
 Sharon Johnson
 Leonard Leuer
 Dick Picard
 Tom Supel
 Mary A. Verbick

Planning Commission Meetings

Second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Park Commission

Galen Bruer, Chair
 Gerald Dykoff
 Ray Essendrup
 Tom Gregor
 Randy Hughes
 Brad Kvanbek
 Theresa Richey

Park Commission Meetings

Third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.