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PARK COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 14, 2006

Park Commissioners Present: Mike Lynch, Clarence Peterson, Judy Holtz, Glen Allen, and Tiffany Vosters (7:05 p.m.).

Excused: Commissioner Jill Haygood **Absent:** Commissioner Herb Horn

Staff Present:

Director Michael T. Kading, Customer Service Assistant Mary Heiting, Recreation Supervisor Amanda Ziegelbauer.

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The Commission meeting was held at *Wittmann Park – Airport Road* and was called to order by President Glen Allen at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and roll call taken.

WITTMANN PARK WALK THROUGH

The meeting was held at Wittmann Park to evaluate the equipment and suggested plans and ideas for future development. The drainage issues of this park were prevalent in several areas. The proposed soccer fields and design concepts were discussed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND EXPENDITURES

The Park Commission dispenses with the reading of, and adopts the May 24, 2006 meeting minutes. MOTION: Commissioner Tiffany Vosters, seconded by Commissioner Mike Lynch to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

The Commissioners reviewed the expenditure list in the amount of \$34,330.61 for this meeting. MOTION: Commissioner Clarence Peterson, seconded by Commissioner Mike Lynch to approve the expenditures as listed. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM and / or CORRESPONDENCE

Director Kading had received an email from residents using the new Schildt Park on Cold Spring Road play equipment which was recently installed. The email shared the family’s joy with the new equipment and the enjoyment on the new “rubber stuff”.

REPORTS

A. Commissioners – Issues can only be presented, no action may be taken.

B. Recreation

Recreation Supervisor Amanda Ziegelbauer shared the enrollment information, and noted the growth in attendance over last year.

C. Parks

Park Supervisor Pavlak submitted a report explaining the accomplishments with the new playground equipment installation at Schildt Park and Strohmeyer Park with some assistance from the Street Department staff. The part time summer staff have recently started, except for a conflict with Norm’s schedule, a temporary employee, Jerry, will substitute for Norm.

D. Director – ACT 477, Trestle Count

Director Kading shared the latest legislative update publication addressing Act 477 of May 31, 2006. This publication expressly prevents municipalities from charging fees in lieu of land dedications as a condition of approving a subdivision. The Town will have to adjust the ordinance, and Dir. Kading is hopeful that we can work with the developers to meet our existing and future needs.

“Just for Boys” is a program offered this year with 31 enrolled in the new class. The evening includes archery, canoeing, dinner, story telling, camp fire and night walk held at the Rydell property. The program has been received well and should grow in the future.

The Park Pavilion Rental Summary has been prepared by Customer Service Assistant Mary Heiting. Our percentages are a little less than last year, but we have 6 more weekends because of how the calendar falls. Assistant Heiting noted that since the warm weather started in May, reservations for the summer increased approximately 6%.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Park Conditions

B. O’Hauser Disc Golf Parking Lot Policy

Police Chief McCants has done some research in this area since the concerns about safety, and guests using this area when it is dark. To alleviate this concern, an estimate from WE Energies has been submitted for the Park Commissioners to review. Discussion ensued. MOTION: by Commissioner Glen Allen, seconded by Commissioner Clarence Peterson to recommend that the Town Board approve the installation of 2 lights for the quoted price of \$6,562.10 and research funding sources. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Financial Assistance Request

An application for financial assistance has been received from a family to provide Kiddie Camp for her son at O’Hauser Park for the summer. MOTION: by Commissioner Clarence Peterson, seconded by Tiffany Vosters to approve the application for financial assistance and reduce the fee by ½. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: by Commissioner Tiffany Vosters, seconded by Commissioner Clarence Peterson to adjourn the Park Commission meeting of June 14, 2006 at 8:25 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. *The next meeting will be at Schildt Park, June 28, 2006 at 7:00.*

Sincerely,

Judy R. Holtz
Secretary Park Commission