

City of Minnetonka Beach
Park Commission Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 7, 2010

Members Present: Chair Patty Rezabek, Amy Johnson, Dave Christiansen, Laura Inglis
Members Absent: Liaison Mike Taylor
Staff Present: Marilyn Regnier
Others Present: Council Member Michelle Kroll
Materials Distributed:
 1. Agenda 2. December 1, 2009 Draft Minutes 3. Diseased Tree List
 4. 2010 Docks 12-16 Configuration Survey 6. 2010 Meeting Schedule 7. 2009 Budget &
 Expenditures Reports 8. 2010 Budget Reduction Report

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION PLAN/ PARTY RESPONSIBLE
1. Approve Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting began at 7:10 p.m. 	<p>(Laura Inglis motion, Amy Johnson second to approve the agenda; all present aye).</p>
Hockey Rink Usage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Member Michelle Kroll talked about usage of the hockey rink by organized groups of non-residents resulting in our residents unable to use our own facilities. Discussed 1)“Parking by Permit”, 2)rental of rink, 3) Civic renting the rink a couple time a week for residents, 4) monitoring or staffing, 5) posting signs because of drinking and drug use, 6) having the police patrol the park and check inside the warming house, and 7) talking to the group of organized hockey players. Need monitoring at the warming house. Post sign at warming house: No smoking No drinking allowed. • Also discussed posting another sign: (regarding safe and appropriate use of the park and warming house) “Recently city council has been made aware of issues at Ray Peters Park. If you see any suspicious activity, or any vandalism please call 911. The Orono police are monitoring this park. Please put sleds in the warming house at night.” • What legally can we do? Want to get something done soon. 	<p>Staff to find out from City Attorney Wally Hilke what we can do legally for regulating the park.</p>
2. Approve November 2, 2009 Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	<p>(Laura Inglis motion, Amy Johnson second to approve the minutes as written; all present</p>

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3. Maintenance Committee Report & Recommendations		
Diseased Tree List	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	<p>Marilyn to list types of trees on the diseased tree list and when they are removed.</p> <p>Also, move dead tree behind Soukup residence to public property on list.</p>
2010 Tree Trimming & Removal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Time to trim is winter. 	<p>Patty and Laura to get together regarding Cut Above and Davey bids and make decision on a trimming priority list determining which trees can be trimmed during the first quarter.</p>
Tree Cutting on Public vs. Private Property	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioners reviewed an email from Emily Barbeau last January regarding tree cutting on private vs. public property. 	<p>Include in discussion with Emily at the Feb 2010 meeting.</p>
Long Term Tree Inspection/Tree Trimming Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emily Barbeau is planning to attend the Feb. 1st meeting for talking about having a tree inventory. Need to know if all the Commissioners will be able to attend to make it worth her while. Emily wants questions sent to her ahead of time. • Patty sent email lists of tree specialists - possibilities for preparing a tree inventory. 	<p>Marilyn let Park Commission know that Emily Barbeau will be at next meeting and ask if they will be here. Send questions you have for Emily to Patty ahead of time by Jan. 20.</p>
Diseased Tree – Hiring an Inspector	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possible tree inspector from tree specialist list? 	<p>Commissioners discuss with Emily at next meeting.</p>
4. Request to Dock Committee Regarding Swimming Beach Commons		
2010 Dock Configuration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three swimming beach dock configurations from years past and the 2010 configuration were 	<p>Agenda item for next meeting when full</p>

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	<p>presented so the amount of open area in front of the swimming area could be compared. The Park Commission is deeply disturbed about the process, or lack of process in how the decisions are made affecting parks. Commissioners expressed objections when changes are made to parkland without including the Park Commission in planning implementation, and evaluation of the process.</p>	<p>commission and council member liaison is present.</p>
Swimming Area Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commission is concerned about safety for swimming area and lake views being encroached. • Recommending longer roping and more buoys around the swimming area. • Parking is a concern. 	<p>Park Com. recommendation to Council: do not fill slip 5 on dock 14 and do not have a canopy on slip 4 on dock 14 as history has been.</p> <p>Amy to follow up with longer roping and buoys at the swimming beach.</p> <p>Recommendation when permits go out for docks 12-16 that dock holders reminded to have parking permits on their cars.</p>
Joint Parks/Dock Committee Recommendation Regarding Fire Lane Usage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Park Commission wants to have clarification on fire lanes; can they be closed, are they considered public parkland, etc. and want to meet with Dick Krier and the Dock Committee at their March meeting, then go to Council with their recommendation regarding fire lane usage/closure. 	<p>Recommend to Council to move date for recommendation regarding closing a fire lane to April and invite and Dick Krier & Dock Committee to March Park Com. meeting.</p>
5. "No Snowmobiles" Signage for Parks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lafayette Park and Half Moon Park are being used by snowmobilers. • Need to post no snowmobiles - 2 signs at Half Moon and 2 or 3 at Lafayette Park and 1 or more at swimming beach. 	<p>Ben to look into purchasing "No Snowmobiles in Park" signs for posting fall of 2010.</p> <p>Make it clearer in the Beachcomber: No snowmobiles in parks.</p>
6. 2010 Meeting Schedule & Commissioner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Commissioners did not receive project assignments at this meeting as not everyone was in attendance. 	

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Project Assignments		
7. 2009 Budget & Expenditures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regarding ice sleds, what do we do to prevent damage? Is the damage a functional issue or vandalism? 	<p>Ask Ben about what type of damage was done to the kick sleds; functional or vandalism.</p> <p>Have Ben remove sleds once rink starts melting.</p> <p>Signage for warming house should go in the Beachcomber, too.</p>
Review Final Expenditures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total spent for 2009 out of an \$18,350 budget was \$17,625.91. 	
Metal Edging – 2009 Purchase Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Purchased 39 – 16-foot lengths for \$1,700.79 for installing at city hall area in 2010. 	Review budget during fall quarter for \$ for additional edging that is still needed.
Ice Rink Kick Sleds Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ordered and will be here in a couple of weeks at a cost of \$428.19. 	
8. 2010 Budget		
9. Public Works Director - Report		
Work Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report. 	
Work Request – Jan. & Feb.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	
10. Commissioner & Other Reports		
Search for New Commissioner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patty contacted Robb Ball and left message encouraging him to join the Park Commission. 	Beachcomber again in January.

(Amy Johnson motion, Laura Inglis second to adjourn at 9:10 p.m.; all present aye).

Next Meeting Date: Monday, February 1, 2010.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Marilyn Regnier.