

**City of Minnetonka Beach**  
**Park Commission Meeting Minutes**  
*Monday, February 7, 2011*

**Members Present:** Dave Christiansen, Kevin Decker, Amy Johnson, Laura Inglis  
**Members Absent:** Chair Patty Rezabek, Robb Ball, Council Liaison Michelle Kroll  
**Staff Present:** None  
**Others Present:**  
**Materials Distributed:**  
 1. Agenda 3. January 10, 2011 Unapproved Minutes 8. 2011 Budget

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION PLAN/ PARTY RESPONSIBLE
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting was called to order at 7:14 p.m. by Vice Chair Amy Johnson</li> </ul>	
<b>1. Approve Agenda</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Add discussion point of tobacco free parks.</li> </ul>	<b>(Inglis motion, Decker second to approve the agenda with additions; all present aye).</b>
<b>2. Approve Minutes of January 10, 2011</b>		<b>(Inglis motion, Johnson second to approve the January 10, 2011 minutes as written; all present aye).</b>
<b>3. Deer Policy Update</b>	<p>City council approved the “Deer Management Policy”- still need “Procedure”. Procedure should be “per DNR”</p> <p>City Council- when do we go take out deer</p> <p>“Zero” policy- clarify that “zero” does not mean “no deer” -but that the “density” was to zero. The volume of deer is to “be determined” based on individual property damage etc”.</p>	<p>Parks decided that Procedure should be “per DNR” guidelines.</p> <p>Parks defer to Mayor for the decision on when to act on the deer.</p> <p>Patty and Laura- will meet to discuss further.</p>
<b>4. Tom Houston – Tree Inventory</b>	Tom Houston will come to next meeting to give us an update on his tree inventory to date.	Laura to call to confirm Tom H for his attending the next meeting (April), and to distribute his info gathered to date to Commissioners.

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<b>5. Maintenance Committee Report &amp; Recommendations</b>		
Concerned Tree List for 2011-Storm Damaged Trees in Lafayette Park	Ben trimmed the trees in Lafayette Park – Thank you to Ben.	No action.
Winter Use of Ray Peters, trails, Capital budget request	Deep snow- difficult to access -Patty wondering about investing in equipment to track trails to walk up to park.	Not financially feasible- large financial investment for small amount of trail distance and amount of usage.
Prairie Restoration Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Laura contacted Prairie Restoration – Stephanie reports that both parks were done for buckthorn in the fall of 2010.</li> </ul>	Patty R to call to confirm further with Laura
<b>6. Park Usage Permit for Special Events Recommendation to Council</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Permit for Use of Public Land</li> </ul>	Final edits to be made and bring to April meeting for final approval.
<b>7. Ordinance on Emerald Ash Borer Update</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reaffirmation that EAB is already covered on the Diseased Tree Ordinance, no need for further development of separate ordinance.</li> </ul>	Further education of residents on EAB- April Beachcomber-see website.
<b>8. 2011 Budget</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reviewed 2011 budget, and Parks is within budget at this time</li> </ul>	
<b>9. Public Works Director – Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No report.</li> </ul>	
<b>10. Discussion on Tobacco Free Parks</b>	<p>-Discussion that we already have signage at Ray Peters for “no smoking”.</p> <p>-Do other parks need signage? Park Commissioners felt that we don't want to over</p>	No further action.

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	<p>regulate our parks and make rules that can't be enforced.</p> <p>-Patty had suggested a local speaker to attend a future meeting - No action take on this.</p>	
<b>12.. Commissioner &amp; Other Reports</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Tree Donations</b>----discussion that a “donation” would need to consist of \$\$ for tree &amp; planting. Discussion on logistics of handling tree donations. City of Minnetonka cited that they don't allow residents to pick out a specific location and tree, etc. ---Discussion on establishing an overall “Parks Fund” for trees- so this fund can be carried over year to year, and built up and utilized when there are specific needs.</li> <li>• Adopt a Garden-suggestion to have residents adopt a garden: volunteer to plant and donate plants or the funds for the perennials/annuals. Currently residents do volunteer their time to plant area gardens.</li> <li>• Bids for arborvitae replacement- discussion about replacing the arborvitae damaged by deer on private resident's property. Addressed suggestion that perhaps Parks can locate better financial packages for residents if they help neighbors work together in purchasing replacements.</li> </ul>	<p>Amy to try to contact Arboretum about their gifting funds/donation programs.</p> <p>--No action—discuss further at next meeting to develop further and implement in community</p> <p>Parks will not take any action on this. Neighbors are welcome to work together on their own to look at group purchasing of replacement arborvitae.</p>
<b>Additional Discussion:</b>	<p>Discussion about necessity of needing a meeting in March. No urgent, time sensitive agenda items that need to be addressed.</p>	<p>Decision to cancel March meeting and next Parks Commission meeting will be April 4<sup>th</sup> 2011.</p>

**(Dave Christianson motion, Laura Inglis second to adjourn at 8:24 p.m.; all aye).**

*Next Meeting Date: Monday, April 4, 2011.*  
Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Amy Johnson.