

City of Minnetonka Beach
Park Commission Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 5, 2010

Members Present: Chair Patty Rezabek, Amy Johnson, Dave Christiansen, Laura Inglis, Robb Ball, Liaison Mike Taylor

Members Absent: Ray Boyle

Staff Present: Marilyn Regnier

Others Present:

Materials Distributed:

1. Agenda 2. February & March 2010 Draft Minutes 3. Diseased Tree List
 7. 2009 Budget & Expenditures Reports 8. 2010 Budget Reduction Report

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION PLAN/ PARTY RESPONSIBLE
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting began at 7:04 p.m. 	
1. Oath of Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robb Ball was officially sworn in for his term which goes through 8/31/10. 	Clerk Marilyn Regnier gave Robb the Oath of Office and will she get copies for him of the Forest Restoration and Parks Plans.
2. Approve Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amy Johnson asked about adding discussion regarding TRPD providing a trash bin along the trail in Minnetonka Beach. • Add Garlic Mustard discussion. 	(Dave Christiansen motion, Laura Inglis second to approve the agenda with additions; all present aye).
3. Approve Minutes of February 1, 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amended February minutes were provided with the additions called out at the March 1st meeting. 	(Amy Johnson motion, Laura Inglis second to approve the minutes as amended; all present aye).
Approve Minutes of March 1, 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarification that it was pulling docks 14-4 & 14-5 inland 20 feet, not 14 2-3-4-5. 	(Amy motion, Dave second to approve the minutes as corrected; all present aye).
4. Joint Parks/Dock Committee Discussion & Recommendation to Council Regarding Fire lane Usage & Dock Configuration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura's suggestion: for fire lane in the summer a lock box with combination. Keep open to residents by using a combination lockbox. Ruts can be fixed by Ben Young who maintains the area. 	(Laura Inglis motion, Robb Ball second for a joint Dock and Parks recommendation to Council for summer months install a lockbox combination with chain and give to

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura recommendation: do not grant a canopy on Dock 14-5 and bring in 14-4 and 14-5 in 20 feet in 2011 because the LMCD has already granted the multiple dock permits for 2010. • Patty - leave open 14-5 and no canopy at 14-4. • Dave thinks it will be an on-going issue with these two docks because people will be moving in and out. • Laura - once given you can't take back the view and green space of a more open area. It has more of a marina-type look than a swimming beach park. Restrict canopy on 14-4. • Robb - pull dock 14-4 and 14-5 back towards shore 20 feet, he thinks it would solve the problem so sight line would improve. • Lee Goehring said there may be extra costs for dock holders with these changes. • Mike mathematically thinks the changes won't have an impact and gives more open space. Sight lines will be better, but it will be more crowded. • Lee - for the record, from the old plan (2008) on paper it had 4 to 6 feet between the docks; in 2009 the docks were installed closer and closed the gaps. The 2010 changes would garner a total of 14.5 foot of improvement. • Lee - another option would have Blodgett and Evans move to 14-5 and 14-4 because they don't have canopies. 	<p>residents and neighbors, and look it again in the fall; all present aye).</p> <p>(Robb Ball motion, Laura Inglis second recommendation to Council for 2010 season regarding dock 14 - move docks 4 and 5 in 20 feet from the LMCD plan toward shore, restrict 14-5 to no boathouse and that the dock committee to solicit residents who will not have a canopy for 14-4 and 14-5, alternatively we recommend moving docks 2-3-4-5 in 20 feet with the same restriction on canopy for slip 5; all present aye).</p>
<p>5. 2010 Meeting Schedule & Commissioner Project Assignments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioners received an updated meeting schedule and tabled project assignments to a future meeting. 	<p>Agenda item for May meeting.</p>

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<p>6. Maintenance Committee Report & Recommendations</p>		
<p>Diseased Tree List</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	
<p>Tree Inventory Bids</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dave had Tim’s Tree Service go around the city and provide a bid that the City of New Hope has which will be given to the Parks Commission. Bid is broken down by size of trunks for removal and trimming. Questioned which trees along the boulevards are city trees and which are on private property? Tim recommended enlarging our own city map and plot trees, and measure at breast height, and dot on the map those trees. • Laura recommended using Tom Houston who has done work for her and the city. • Robb talked with Rainbow and will hear back from Dave from that firm. • Update on meeting with Emily Barbeau Ball - Patty reported on Minnetonka’s multi-layer approach to tree inventory. Emily Barbeau Ball recommended having an arborist look at trees for future problems and that way you find out which trees to watch. Tom Houston would be the one to go through the city a couple of times a year. The City of Minnetonka is taking out ash trees at this time and replacing them as they go because of the cost factor. • Dave recommended having Tom Houston working on city hall side of the Beach first. • Tom Houston would have first bid, but Parks would like to have to have other bids, too. • Check out City of Minnetonka website eminnetonka.com for their Natural Resources section regarding maintenance and for resources 	<p>Laura and Patty to move ahead and speak with Tom Houston about doing a tree inventory section by section.</p>
<p>Sustainable Cities Workshop Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ken Holman, Minnesota DNR, was a presenter at this workshop. Patty had consulted with Ken on tree inventories for years ago and he recommended 	

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	Emily Barbeau as a possible consult for us. At the workshop Ken talked at length about EAB and stated that doing nothing in planning was not an option and the first step was obtaining a tree inventory to determine the number of ash trees in cities.	Patty distributed handouts from this workshop.
2010 Swimming Beach Weed Pulling, Milfoil Removal & Gardening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Larry Fontaine asked if we would have him back this year for weed pulling, rake Thursdays and Mondays. 	Marilyn to ask Ben how he felt it went at the Beach as far as removal of milfoil last year. Then call Laura to report before she calls Larry.
Swimming Beach Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussed installing a longer rope and using the red ball along with the two buoys for marking the swimming area. 	Amy to talk with Ben about what options we have for marking off the swimming beach.
Garlic Mustard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laura – the garlic mustard is bad from middle of the woods between the Inglis property and where the cottonwoods were removed. Also by the old dump area in Ray Peters Park and by County 15. Inglis will try to do removal by their house. 	<p>Patty will call Kelly Jackson to see if he would be interested in pulling garlic mustard right now.</p> <p>April Beachcomber article by Dave and have it referring to website for more information on buckthorn and removal of garlic mustard.</p>
Clean Up Day –April 24th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Watch the Beachcomber or broadcast email for what will happen that day. 	Marilyn will follow up.
7. Turkeys in the City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not a problem at this time. Haven't seen the four birds around in the last two weeks. 	Marilyn provided information about turkey removal from Canada Goose Mgmt who the city already uses for geese removal.
8. 2010 Budget & Expenditures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total spent year to date: \$299.74. The Davey Tree invoice for trimming oaks and other work at the swimming beach has not been received yet. 	We will make sure we have an invoice for next month.
9. Public Works Director - Report		

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Work Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report. 	
Work Request – April & May.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Path through Ray Peters needs wood chips. 	<p>Ben to add wood chips to Ray Peters.</p> <p>Warming house planter boxes finished?</p> <p>Ben to bring skate park back to city hall.</p>
10. Commissioner & Other Reports		
Trash cans Along Trail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make a recommendation to Council to have City hall call TRPD and ask if it is possible to clean up trail earlier. No decision made for making a recommendation for trash cans along the trail. 	

(Laura Inglis motion, Robb Ball second to adjourn at 9:40 p.m.; all present aye).

Next Meeting Date: Monday, May 3, 2010.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Marilyn Regnier.