

CITY OF PELICAN RAPIDS PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 26, 2008

8:30 a.m.

The City of Pelican Rapids Park Board held its regular meeting at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, February 26, 2008, Council Chambers, City Hall, 315 N Broadway. Board Members Mel Zierke, Denise Magnusson, and Sandy Irey were present. City Administrator Don Solga, Street and Park Superintendent Brian Olson, Colton Stone, Brenda Brand and Library Director Annie M Wrigg were also present. Terra Fitzsimmons joined while the meeting was in progress.

Board Member Ross Wamre and Cary Johnson were absent. Secretary Kristi Skramstad was also absent.

Chairman Mel Zierke called the meeting to order.

Denise Magnusson made a motion to appoint Colton Stone as a Student Member of the Park Board. Sandy Irey seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Additions / Deletions to Agenda:

Additions: 1997 Championship Sign Additions
Tourist Information Center Lighting
Terra Fitzsimmons – Park Equipment

Deletions: Sherin Park, Rotary BBQ Pits, Senior Citizen / Library Parking

Trail System Update:

Don Solga gave an update on the trail system. Gene Miller has been working with the City on this project and to date there are 2 land owners he still needs to contact. He has talked to everyone else. Verbal agreements are in place and the city is now working with an attorney for easements.

Hwy 108 Sign:

MnDot has informed the City that the Hwy W 108 sign cannot have two welcome to Pelican signs coming into town. The 1997 Championship sign needs to come down now that the Oktoberfest sign is in place. The 1997 will come down in the spring. Discussion on what to do with the service groups plaques and if there is a need for a sign on Hwy 9.

Historical Monument Update:

Don stated that Lida Township has given \$250 and Scambler Township has pledged \$250. The City will be donating \$3,000 and the EDC will be giving \$1,000.

Tourist Information Center Lighting:

Brenda Brand from the Chamber of Commerce reported that she would like to have more lighting in the center of the space at Historic City Hall. Brenda will get a plan to Brian Olson who will contact an electrician to see if it is possible. Brenda is there Tuesday thru Friday from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Brenda also reported that the furnace is not working.

Chair Update:

Denise Magnusson has talked to Chip Cooper and they are going to start looking for new chairs. Denise mentioned that some are in need of major repair. Mel Zierke asked Colton Stone to check with the shop class to see if they could help fix them.

Approval of January 29, 2008 Minutes:

Sandy Irey made a motion to approve the January 29, 2008 minutes. Denise Magnusson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Student Members:

There was a discussion on grade levels of student park board members.

Denise Magnusson made a motion that student board members be in 9th grade or above. Colton Stone seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Terra Fitzsimmons – Playground Equipment:

Terra presented a picture of a Jenn swing and a copy of the letter from Early Childhood Initiative to Rotary asking them for a donation for the swing. The swing is handicapped accessible, reclines and can hold up to 125 pounds. Brian Olson stated that if it can hook up to our existing system it could be a year round addition. Terra will keep us posted on her progress.

Community Map (Antique Store):

Sandy Irey wondered if we had heard back about the community map. Item will be tabled until the owners open again in the spring or until we hear back from them.

Council Actions:

There were no council actions since that last meeting.

Skating Rink:

Brian gave a report on the skating rink. One of the employees has quit and a replacement has been hired. The numbers have been down and Brian thinks that more of the kids that were really into skating are getting older. He has gotten lots of positive comments on moving the rink and the school is using the rink more. Discussion on adding more lighting if the rink is permanently placed at new location.

Tree Trimming:

Mel Zierke has talked to Marlys Johnson. There is nothing new to report.

Brick Wall By Liquor Store:

No update at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 am.

Annie M Wrigg
Acting Park Board Secretary