

CITY OF PELICAN RAPIDS PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 27, 2007
8:30 a.m.

The City of Pelican Rapids Park Board held its regular meeting at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 27, 2007, Council Chambers, City Hall, 315 N Broadway. Board Chairman Mel Zierke, Board Members, Denise Magnusson, Cary Johnson, Ross Wamre and Sandy Irey were present. Street and Park Superintendent Brian Olson, City Administrator Don Solga and Secretary Kristi Skramstad were also present.

Board Members Jessica Toftely, Becky Benhardus were absent.

Approval of February 27, 2007 Minutes

Sandy Irey made a motion to approve the February 27, 2007 minutes. Ross Wamre seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Additions to Agenda:

Pelican Apartments Land, Removal of Pelican Pete's Hat and Scarf.

Council Actions Since February 27, 2007 Meeting:

Pelican Pete slippery when wet sign was approved. The sign was shown to Park Board members. Members stated it looked great. The Street/Park Department will install the sign.

Veterans' Memorial River Park – Horseshoe Pit.

Brian and Ross stated it is possible to turn the lean-to. It would have to be shortened up a bit and possibly some electrical work may need to be done. Brian stated there is not a time frame for this project at this time.

Pelican Rapids Apartment Land - Don Solga:

Don Solga stated that he has spoke to Jeff Pogalz and they are interested in donating the land to the city. They would like some recognition for doing so. Jeff Pogalz will email Don a proposal.

Windmill Estimate:

No estimate as of yet. Cary Johnson knows someone, he will have them get a hold of Brian Olson. Item will be on April agenda.

Trinity Church Land:

Have not heard from City attorney or Trinity Church Board yet. Item will be on April agenda.

Veterans' Memorial River Park Bridge:

Don spoke to the city that had a bridge they were disposing of. They still have 1 or 2 sections left. Don will keep us updated as he gets pictures from them.

Historic City Hall:

Per Mayor Runnigen, the Chamber of Commerce is still working on a plan to have the building open a few hours per day. The basement has been cleaned out. When it warms up it can be opened up and aired out. The dehumidifier will also be used.

Swimming Pool Policy – Brian Olson:

Brian Olson and Kevin Bakken recently attended a seminar in Fargo. They found out that other pools are having the same issues as ours. Brian Olson has spoken to Jessica Zsedeny and she will be coming back as Aquatics Director this summer. Brian gave her a copy of the new policy. They changed the minimum employment age to 15 since lifeguard certification can be obtained at age 15. They also added that lifeguards will assist with swimming lessons and cleaning duties as instructed.

Denise Magnusson made a motion to have Brian Olson present the new pool policy and lifeguard job description to council. Ross Wamre seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Chair Project:

Mel Zierke and Cary Johnson will get together and spray the chairs at 9:30 am on Monday, April 2nd. Brian and his department will get the chairs to the Public Works Facility for them.

Skate Park Committee:

Still looking for volunteers. Kristi will put in the April newsletter.

Other Park Board Items:

Pelican Pete's kiosk was discussed. Brian said he will make sure it is not sprayed with water once the sprinkler system is installed this spring.

Kristi Skramstad stated the Park Board minutes starting with 2007 are available on the City website.

Brian Olson stated the soccer nets would be put up when the field is dry enough.

Cary Johnson will have an artist contact Brian regarding the park signs so we can get an estimate for the 2008 budget.

It was also mentioned that the blue posts on the south "Welcome to Pelican Rapids" sign should be painted. It would be a good project for a summer employee. Mel Zierke also mentioned that the lights do not turn off on the north sign. Brian is aware of that and there have been lighting issues with that sign.

Don Solga reminded the Park Board to get any 2008 budget item estimates to him as soon as possible, especially for the campsites and bath house in Sherin Park. He would like number by July 2007. Ross Wamre and Brian Olson are looking into possible layouts for the campsites. They will bring ideas to the next meeting. They have also been considering additional parking options in the Veterans' Memorial River Park area.

Mel Zierke requested that an additional garbage can be placed in Thompson Park.

Pelican Pete's hat and scarf will be removed in the next few days and will be hung at the public works facility to dry out.

The 3 to 5 year Plan was updated. See attached for updates.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 am

Kristi Skramstad
Park Board Secretary

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The City of Pelican Rapids Park Board was re-adjourned at 9:30 am on Tuesday, March 27, 2007, Council Chambers, City Hall, 315 N Broadway. Board Chairman Mel Zierke, Board Members, Denise Magnusson, Cary Johnson, Ross Wamre and Sandy Irey were present. Street and Park Superintendent Brian Olson, City Administrator Don Solga and Secretary Kristi Skramstad were also present.

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Theresa Halverson from Lake Region Electric Cooperative addressed the board regarding the downtown planters. Lake Region Electric Cooperative is again willing to donate money, same as last year. They will also be taking care of planting the Pelican Rapids sign near their location. Mel Zierke suggested they plant shrubs to help with the brightness of the lights.

Theresa stated there has been negative feedback concerning the amount of time Lake Region Electric employee volunteers are spending on watering the downtown planters. Currently two Lake Region Electric employees water two times per week. Suggestions were discussed and Theresa will take proposals to their board and let us know what is decided at our next meeting. Liability issues were a concern – would Lake Region allow use of the truck and water tank if a Lake Region Electric employee was not present?

Theresa stated she would propose that one Lake Region Electric employee and one volunteer would water 2 times per week. Lake Region will fertilize once a week. An alternate proposal would be that two Lake Region employees would water only once per week, leaving the other time up to the business owners. If the later is the case the Park Board members will talk to the businesses and use the map to assign planters.

The Park Board thanked Lake Region Electric for their assistance in this project in the past. Their efforts are greatly appreciated.

Theresa will come to the next Park Board meeting to let us know what was decided.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 am

Kristi Skramstad
Park Board Secretary