

## **CITY OF PELICAN RAPIDS PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**April 28, 2009**

**8:30 a.m.**

The City of Pelican Rapids Park Board held its regular meeting at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 28, 2009, Council Chambers, City Hall, 315 N Broadway. Board Members, Mel Zierke, Sandy Irey, Terra Fitzsimmons, David Gottenborg and Annie Wrigg were present. Mikayla Jensen and Sally Huynh were absent. City Administrator Don Solga, Street and Park Superintendent Brian Olson and Secretary Kristi Skramstad were also present.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mel Zierke.

David Gottenborg made a motion to approve the April 7, 2009 minutes. Sandy Irey seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Additions: Park Board Secretary

Deletions: None

Council Actions Since Last Meeting: None

### **NAPA Estimate:**

It is 18 feet from curb to building which is not wide enough to provide adequate parking. The cost to install curb would be \$2,300. Discussion. Members decided not go forward with project and seek other opportunities for parking.

### **Veterans' Memorial River Park:**

Mel Zierke had an idea to build a retaining wall by Senior Center to create parking. Don stated there is a need to come up with ideas for this area and also a timeline for completion. Don also said the paths need to be ADA compliant which means they must have a 5% slope. Using the existing (north / south) sidewalk was discussed with the slope being a concern. Brian will have Egge's shoot the elevation to provide us with this information. Mel and Brian will stake out the area on Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. Members felt it is a good idea to contact Senior Citizens and meet with them. Mel will contact Bob Peterson. Don also reported that he found out the bridge won't be replaced for at least 4-5 years. Item will be on May agenda.

### **BBQ Pits:**

Mel and Sandy are going to Rotary meeting today. Item will be on May agenda.

### **Antique Store Sign:**

Mel showed optional pictures for the sign that Oktoberfest is willing to donate for north side of building. Park Board's feeling is to make sure Oktoberfest is happy with the pictures before going forward. Item also needs to be approved by Council at 5-11-09 meeting. Item will be on May agenda.

**Flower Planters:**

Sandy is meeting with Mary Nelson today. Sandy asked if there were any ideas or concerns. Brian stated that the cost is a concern. Council will be discussing the possibility of soliciting businesses for funds on 5-11-09. Annie suggested wave petunias which have more color. Placement was discussed. Item should be on May agenda.

**Damage to Peterson Park Bench:**

Brian reported that the damaged bench has been moved to a new location. He also stated that the wooden benches need to be replaced soon. Brian also reported that the parks came thru the winter in good condition.

**Peterson Park Signage:**

Per Brian the sign should be up shortly.

**Soccer Fields:**

Brian reported the soccer fields are doing well. He would like to see them settle a bit more. The longer we hold out the better odds of getting grass to grow in the net areas. Brian also stated that 2 sprinkler heads were lost to snowmobiles this past winter in David Brown Soccer Field.

**Park Board Secretary:**

Kristi has resigned from the City of Pelican Rapids effective May 8, 2009. Kristi explained duties of secretary. Discussion. Annie Wrigg volunteered to be the new secretary.

Sandy Irey nominated Annie Wrigg to serve as Park Board Secretary. David Gottenborg seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Other Park Board Items:**

Getting Pelican Rapids campground and other attractions (pool, pelican, etc) to show up on Garmins and GPS was discussed. This technology is widely used and people coming to area should know what Pelican Rapids has to offer. Annie will talk to Ryan Pesch who is interested in helping with this.

Mel also brought up the concept of Facebook. Don said he would like to know more about it before the City would participate. Facebook and Twitter were both discussed.

The next meeting will be May 26<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am.

Chairman Zierke adjourned the meeting at 9:40 am

Kristi Skramstad  
Park Board Secretary