

CITY OF PELICAN RAPIDS PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 27, 2008

8:30 a.m.

The City of Pelican Rapids Park Board held its regular meeting at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 27, 2008, Council Chambers, City Hall, 315 N Broadway. Board Members, Denise Magnusson, Cary Johnson, Colton Stone and Sandy Irey were present. City Administrator Don Solga, Street and Park Superintendent Brian Olson and Secretary Kristi Skramstad were present. Brenda Brand and Library Director Annie M Wrigg were also present. Board Members Ross Wamre and Mel Zierke were absent.

Acting Chairman Denise Magnusson called the meeting to order.

Sandy Irey made a motion to approve the April 29, 2008 minutes. Cary Johnson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Additions / Deletions to Agenda:

Additions: Planters

Council Actions: None

Chair Project:

Denise Magnusson has ordered the chairs and they have been charged to the credit card but the chairs have not been received. Denise has been unable to reach the company. Julie Lammers contacted the credit card company and the item is going thru the dispute process. Denise will keep us posted.

Brick Wall By Liquor Store:

Brian reported that the brick wall has been torn down and the pavement has been installed. Don has an estimate for \$3,000 for the brick bases for the flags. Don asked Sandy Irey if Oktoberfest would be interested in funding this project. Sandy will bring item to the next Oktoberfest meeting and let Don know.

Pool Update:

Brian Olson stated they plan to open the pool the second week in June, weather permitting. They are still working on cleaning and painting. Brian explained they plan to do swimming lessons in the mornings and the regular pool hours will be noon to 8:00 pm.

220 Power in E.L. Peterson Park: Brian got an estimate for \$800. Mel was also getting an estimate. Item will be on next agenda.

Condition of Parks – Individual Walk Thru Results:

Sandy stated that E.L. Peterson Park seems to be in good shape. She said the BBQ pits are still a concern. The BBQ pits were discussed. Brian reminded members that they need to come together with an idea to present to Rotary together. Annie Wrigg suggested

they approach the Rotary Board or do a presentation on the parks at a Rotary meeting. Denise said she would talk to Mel about the presentation for Rotary. Denise also reported that Sherin Park is looking good. Brian said that the sprinkler systems are all in. Don Solga said that he had met with Chet Nettetstad and the American Legion had put up a sign in Veterans' Memorial River Park in honor of Memorial Day. Don also mentioned that Dale Velo would like to see a layout before he donates his property to the City.

Antique Store Sign:

Denise volunteered to talk to Mel to see if he has approached them yet. Brenda Brand said they now have a manager for the store and we should talk to her. There was a discussion on what the plan for the sign is. Other possible sites for the sign were also discussed. Item will be on next month's agenda.

Planters:

Brian and Sandy are going to meet to discuss planter placement. Brenda Brand said that if she gets the names of the businesses that are watering each plant she will make the acknowledgement signs for each planter.

The 3 to 5 Year Plan and Check List were reviewed.

Brian said he had talked to Glenace Metcalfe about repainting the park signs and she is interested. He needs to meet with her.

Don explained that plans for Veterans' Memorial River Park may have to be changed depending on the placement and size of the bridge that will be replacing the culverts. Sandy Irey stated she hates to see a 2 lane bridge take up so much green space in the park.

Don reminded members to be thinking of items to budget for in the next 3 years.

Brenda Brand suggested the City apply for Valspar's Picture It Painted Grant for the signs for the parks and also for the sign on the Antique Store. Don said that was a good idea. We had received that grant to do the mural on the pool.

There has been a lot of garbage left at the soccer fields lately. Brian stated there are garbage cans in the parks. Annie Wrigg stated that if a park needs to be cleaned up to let her know as she has people who have fines to work off that could do the work.

Colton Stone reported that this is his last Park Board meeting. He will be going into the Marines. He was commended for the work his shop class did repairing the chairs. Don thanked him for serving on the Park Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 am.

Kristi Skramstad
Park Board Secretary