

CITY OF PELICAN RAPIDS PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 28, 2009

8:30 a.m.

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mel Zierke 8:37a.m.

Gottenborg made a motion to approve the June 30, 2009 minutes. Irey seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Additions: Steps by Pelican Drug, Park Board structure, River update

Deletions: None

Council Actions Since Last Meeting:

VETERANS' MEMORIAL RIVER PARK Gottenborg updated that he was still looking at options. Will provide more information in the August meeting. Seniors Center was concerned of losing all the parking. Solga met with them to clear things up. We are focusing on the area by the river only at this time. Gottenborg will have a plan to discuss. Olson will have estimate for the parking lot. We need to have a visual plan to provide them.

Tree by Riverview Place Floral – The tree that is currently blocking the view of the Pelican. The tree is two different sections. There is an option to trim off one section Gottenborg motioned that we write a letter suggesting we bring in a professional to groom the tree. Seconded by Irey. Mel Letter should include that passersby only see it once they are halfway over the bridge. Wrigg will draft a letter to send to Riverview. Letter to be emailed to the board for approval. PU.

Playground grant opportunity – Solga received a grant opportunity from Lakes Country. Olson reports that everything is fairly new. The only thing that needs to be replaced is a swing set in Peterson Park. Jensen points out that it should be compatible for older kids.

Welcome Chairs –Invite Denise Magnusson to the next meeting. Move to next month.

Steps by Pelican Drug – Steps between State Bank and Pelican Drug. The steps are now in rough shape. Olson met with Don Perin who came up with a good idea. A possible deck that is level with the sidewalk with some chairs that would go out about 10-12 feet with stairs down to a walkway down to the river. It could be a shared cost between the City and Pelican Drug. Olson will meet with some contractors to get some prices. It would still allow for the door of the Splash. It would provide an opportunity for other community organizations to enter into it. Olson will report back. Add to next months' agenda.

Park Board Structure – Solga wants to brainstorm on how we make sure that things are getting done in time for the next meeting. Gottenborg thinks that we should draft a letter and then the City can send them out. In the future perhaps we need to make sure that someone volunteers

Draft a standard invite letter to use in the future.

River update – The gate broke last year and the gate isn't even there anymore? Yesterday Olson dropped the south side. The Street and Park department dug up and make sure that it would drop. Olson has never seen the bottom of the gates. They have the tools and the ability to fix it. However this is their first year they are doing it and they want the water to be as low as possible and much warmer.

Adjourned 9:23 am