

CITY OF PELICAN RAPIDS PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 28, 2007

8:30 a.m.

The City of Pelican Rapids Park Board held its regular meeting at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, August 28, 2007, Council Chambers, City Hall, 315 N Broadway. Board Chairman Mel Zierke and Board Members Cary Johnson and Sandy Irely were present. Street and Park Superintendent Brian Olson, City Administrator Don Solga and Secretary Kristi Skramstad were also present. Board Members Ross Wamre and Denise Magnusson were absent.

Approval of July 31, 2007 Minutes

Item will be on July agenda. No quorum present to make and approve a motion.

Additions / Deletions to Agenda:

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

Council Actions Since Last Meeting:

Council approved the Park Board's suggestion and DNR's recommendation that the 2 trees closest to the river be moved to the west side. The trees have been moved.

The River Runs North sign placement was approved by Council pending MN DOT's approval. Brian is working with them.

The brick area near the Liquor Store was not approved. Council felt they needed a more specific plan for the flags, posts, signs and materials. They were also concerned the demolition of the area may be more involved and would be expensive. There was a discussion on placement of planters, signage, materials and demolition. Park Board Members were asked to bring their ideas to the September meeting.

Tree Trimming:

Item tabled until September meeting.

Student Park Board Members:

Item tabled until September meeting.

Park Assignments:

Cary Johnson	David Brown Soccer Complex and Thompson Park
Sandy Irely	Sherin Park
Ross Wamre	E.L. Peterson Park
Denise Magnusson	Veterans' Memorial River Park
Mel Zierke	Skate Park

Members were asked to walk thru the assigned park on a regular basis and report any items in need of attention to Brian Olson.

Mel presented pictures of the new playground equipment that has been installed in E.L. Peterson Park. The Early Childhood Initiative donated the money for the playground. The Jaycees installed the equipment. The new equipment looks great. It will be a great addition to the park. Members agreed that thank you letters should be sent to those two organizations. Kristi will write the letters and bring to September meeting. It was also agreed that The Press should be contacted to do a story about the equipment. Kristi will contact them.

A thank you letter to Sam Buck was signed by members in attendance. Sam shingled the shelter in E.L Peterson Park as part of his Eagle Scout project.

Swimming Pool:

The pool will be closing on August 31 for the season. Brian Olson proposed restructuring the staffing, financial and mechanical/chemical aspects of the pool for next year so administration will be more involved in the day to day operation of the pool. Brian and Don will review and bring proposal to the Park Board at a later date.

Rotary BBQ Pits:

Brian Olson stated Rotary did let him know that they typically cook 75 turkeys for Turkey Days. The BBQ pit area was discussed and it was felt that we needed a very specific plan to present to Rotary. The idea of asking Rotarians to be on a sub-committee to assist in this area would be helpful. Brian stated he would speak to Glenys Ehlert regarding presenting the idea at an upcoming Rotary meeting.

Veterans' Memorial River Park:

Item tabled until September meeting.

Skate Park:

2 estimates for labor and material for a 55 x 70 concrete slab were obtained. One for \$17,325 and one for \$16,435. Due to cost the project will be put on hold.

Other Park Board Items:

The check list was updated.

Mel Zierke said he would talk to Dan Elton regarding the brick wall by the Liquor Store. Dan designed the area and may know what will be involved in removing the bricks.

Brian mentioned that the sign in Thompson Park is very faded and needs to be replaced in 2008. He will talk to Glenace Metcalfe about painting it.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 am

Kristi Skramstad
Park Board Secretary