

City of Pelican Rapids Park Board Meeting
August 31st, 2011
8:00 a.m.

The city of Pelican Rapids held it's meeting on August 31st, 2011 at 8:00 a.m., City Council Chambers, City Hall. 315 N. Broadway.

Board members present: Mel Zierke, Denise Magnusson, Sandy Irely, Dave Gottenborg.

Also present: Brian Olson, and Don Solga.

Absent: Tara Fitzsimmons

Meeting called to order at 8:08a.m.

Motion to approve July 27th minutes: Irely made a motion and Magnusson seconded that motion.

Additions and deletions: Chair Project

Council action since last meeting: none

Veterans Memorial River Park: Light poles are in; however there are issues with the brick work for the contributors plaque. Michels said he'd do it the 16th, 17th and 18th of Sept. It's going to cost us approximately \$974.00 for materials and he would still provide the labor. Park board still wants Michels to complete the project.

Park dedication will be held September 7th at 4:00p.m. Park board members and all donors will be invited to attend. Mayor Woessner will speak. Mike Boen and quartet will sing, and the Pelican Press will be there. Thank you to Gottenborg for the plants and trees, which has made the park visually appealing. He has a few more plants to put in, but says the grass has to go as it is mostly quack grass. Zierke will talk to Prieb, Aakre and Egges. This should be done before snow fall or early spring for nice grass come summer.
Signage: Still working on this.

Fountain: Rotary will discuss this at their next meeting and probably make it a spring project.

Dumpster: moved to Farnam's garage and city will mow area.

2012 budget concerns: Some discussion with Don Solga and he will update information for next months meeting.

Swimming pool is closed for the season. Had a filter issue which was fixed August 30th, 2011. Season was a questionable one. Opening was a month late and threw a "kink" into the hiring process. Park board is interested in the swimming pool campaign that Hawley is pursuing through West Central Initiative with matching funds etc.

Chair Project: Magnusson informed council that MN CEP has approved Sunny Bell to initiate a project to repair and repaint chairs that are in bad shape for next season. She will be working with kids from the high school to accomplish this. Motion made by Irely and seconded by Gottenborg to proceed.

A new project in the park by the Pelican will be sponsored by Oktoberfest in honor of Marlys Johnson. They will pay for a retaining wall to continue on where rotting wood retaining wall is now. (By the Stairs). Superior will do brick work and Karl will lay stamped colored cement. They also will buy a bench and a flower pot with a little tree in it. Parks crew could put the bench in and save \$100.00. Also think we could save \$234.00 in delivery if we pick up, and \$40.00 in gas. Most likely we can find a trailer to do this.

Park board meeting time: Remain the same. Irely and Mel will be off the park board in January.

Gottenborg will talk to Mary Nelson regarding Master Gardners and identify plants with plaques in River Park.

Meeting adjourned at 9:24a.m.
Next meeting: September 28th
Denise Magnusson, Recorder