

CITY OF PELICAN RAPIDS PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 25, 2007
8:30 a.m.

The City of Pelican Rapids Park Board held its regular meeting at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, September 25, 2007, Council Chambers, City Hall, 315 N Broadway. Board Chairman Mel Zierke and Board Members Cary Johnson, Ross Wamre, Denise Magnusson and Sandy Irey were present. Street and Park Superintendent Brian Olson, City Administrator Don Solga and Secretary Kristi Skramstad were also present.

Approval of July 31, 2007 Minutes

Sandy Irey made a motion to approve the July 31, 2007 minutes. Ross Wamre seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of August 28, 2007 Minutes

Ross Wamre made a motion to approve the August 28, 2007 minutes. Cary Johnson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Additions / Deletions to Agenda:

Thank you letters to the Pelican Rapids Jaycees and Early Childhood Initiative were presented for members to sign. There were no other additions or deletions to the agenda.

Council Actions Since Last Meeting:

There were no council actions since the August meeting.

Tree Trimming:

Item tabled until October meeting.

Student Park Board Members:

Denise Magnusson said she had talked with Johanna Christianson and there is one person interested at this point. Mel Zierke also has someone interested in being on the Skate Park Committee. Item will be on October agenda.

2008 Budget:

Don Solga reviewed a list of items that were approved for the 2008 budget. They include the following: pool vacuum and filters (\$3,500 each for the next 3 years), Veterans' Memorial River Park grant match including parking lots and bridge work abutments, Painting the windmill (\$10,500). The windmill steps were moved to 2009. Zones 3 & 4 of the dam sprinkler system, faucets for the bath house, picnic tables/trash cans (\$1,000),

repainting park signs (\$1,000), rip-rap in Veterans' Memorial River Park and the brick wall by the liquor store (\$,2000 – pending plan approval).

Don Solga reported that City Council would like to see a concept before allocating any funds toward the project in Sherin Park. Ross and Brian are working on a plan. Put item on October agenda.

Community Map:

Don Solga stated the Mayor Runnigen had approached him about the condition of the sign on the north wall of the antique store. Park Board members felt this was possibly a Chamber of Commerce issue. Don said he would follow up with the Mayor. Brian Olson felt it would make a good Eagle Scout project.

Swimming Pool:

Brian Olson explained the filter replacement schedule. They will be replacing one filter per year for the next three years at a cost of \$3,500 each. These filters are original equipment and over 30 years old. Brian and Don are going to be changing the job description for next season. They will bring a proposal to the Park Board. Brian also stated that he plans to start advertising for the position in February of 2008, a little earlier than they have done in the past.

Rotary BBQ Pits:

Ideas for the BBQ pits were discussed. Brian Olson made suggestions that would define the playground area. It was agreed upon that we need to approach Rotary as a team.

Brick Wall by Liquor Store:

Mel Zierke reported that he had talked to Dan Elton regarding the wall. Dan does not recall what materials were used inside the wall. Ideas of what to replace the wall with were discussed. Ross Wamre is going to check on a landscaping program in order to present a visual idea to Council. Item will be on October agenda.

Veterans' Memorial River Park:

Ross Wamre presented a map of the area. There was a discussion on parking and paths and bridges. Ross will do some more work on the map. Item will be on October agenda.

Other Park Board Items:

The park assignments were reviewed. Ross Wamre and Sandy Irely switched parks so Sandy will now have E.L. Peterson Park and Ross will have Sherin Park.

Brian Olson reported that David Brown had called him and was very upset that a vehicle had damaged the soccer field, discussed ideas of how to keep vehicles off the field.

The check list was updated.

The next meeting will be October 30 at 8:30 am.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 am

Kristi Skramstad
Park Board Secretary