

City of Pelican Rapids Park Board Meeting
October 26th
8:00 a.m.

The city of Pelican Rapids held it's meeting on Wednesday October 26th, 2011 at 8:00 a.m., City Council Chambers, City Hall. 315 N. Broadway.
Board members present: Mel Zierke, Sandy Irey, Denise Magnusson, Dave Gottenborg. Don Solga and Brian Olson were also in attendance. Absent: Tara Fitzsimmons

Meeting called to order at 8:04 a.m.

Motion to approve October 26th, 2011 minutes: Gottenborg made that motion and Irey seconded.

Additions/Deletions: None

Council actions since last meeting: Our recommendation to establish pool funds is fine, but WCI needs a group to over see the project. This group would develop a marketing campaign to raise funds for the pool sub-fund. This sub-fund would be managed by a group chosen by the Park Board to supervise the process, which would then remove City Council from running the fund. Money sent to the WCI for the pool would specifically be spent for the sub-fund and not the pool in general. We would need to advertise in the Press to try to get people interested in this project. Gottenborg made a motion to establish a pool sub-fund. Magnusson seconded. The Park Board will head up a search committee to start this project. Solga will put something together and Email to Park Board a newspaper article for The Press.

Park Board went over lists of River Park Contributions and expenses. Park Board felt everything went well at this point in the project. Zierke will talk to Aakre about donated work for grass seed. Will focus on grass as number one project on the list. Cosmetically we would like to do some work around the trees in the future. The city may have a trash receptacle to put in the park. Olson will check with Wes to see if he's done down at the park.

Next spring Master Gardeners will identify plants in the park and will label them with plaques that we will provide.

We need to update our River Park sign to Veterans Memorial Park. We also need to see if Glenace Metcalf can repaint our park signs

Drinking fountain in Peterson Park: Rotary will match a grant given by Oktoberfest in the amount of \$1,000.00. Completion date of June 15th, 2012 is expected. Pavement leading to fountain should be considered for handicapped assessable.

Marlys Johnson memorial retaining wall and bench: There will be a plaque on the bench. There will be a second wall put in the area on upper terrace. Superior will be contacted to do this. Olson will check with Superior.

Irey's Park Board term comes to an end in December, she will remain as a liaison to Oktoberfest.

Items to think about: Maintenance or wood around garbage cans. Would it be worth replacing them with a longer lasting substance other than pine?

Seasonal campground: Solga , at our next meeting will probably update us on the Planning Commissions look at the City's Comprehensive Plan. First a bike /walking path and second, seasonal campground property. There is interest in including these in possible changes. It should be presented to the community and then to City Council. Park Board will brainstorm on bike/walking path as far as grants etc. Talk about defining where path should go.

Park Board will need to more new members due to terms ending. Will publish in City Newsletter and The Press.

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 a.m.

Next meeting-November 30th, at 8:00 a.m.

Denise Magnusson, Recorder