

CITY OF PELICAN RAPIDS PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 30, 2007

8:30 a.m.

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

Board Chairman Mel Zierke and Board Member Ross Wamre were absent.

Acting Chairman Denise Magnusson called the meeting to order.

Approval of September 25, 2007 Minutes

Sandy Irey made a motion to approve the September 25, 2007 minutes. Cary Johnson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Additions / Deletions to Agenda:

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

Council Actions Since Last Meeting:

There were no council actions since the August meeting.

Community Map:

Don Solga stated he would discuss with Mayor Runnigen.

Tree Trimming:

Item tabled until November meeting.

Sherin Park:

Item tabled until November meeting.

Student Park Board Members:

Denise Magnusson said she had talked with Johanna Christianson and she has some interested students. Denise will take Park Board applications to the High School and also request a notice be put on Channel 5. Item will be on November agenda.

Swimming Pool:

Brian Olson reported that he, Don Solga and Glenys Ehlert have met. They are working on re-vamping how the pool is operated. Item will be on agenda as needed.

Rotary BBQ Pits:

Members were asked to come up with ideas of what they would like to see – bring suggestions to November meeting. A concrete idea needs to be decided upon to present to Rotary so they understand that something needs to be done.

Brick Wall by Liquor Store:

Sandy Irey stated that Oktoberfest is willing to purchase planters for the area. Cary Johnson presented an idea which would provide seating and would also make the area inviting to the park. Cary will print out his idea for the November meeting.

Veterans' Memorial River Park:

Don Solga stated he as spoke to Jeff Pogalz and he has not ever received any of the letters Don has sent to him regarding the land donation. Don has now sent a 4th letter which gives them a November 16 deadline. A letter has also been sent to another property owner in the area.

Don also reported that he has met with Rick West from Otter Tail County. He stressed that the City is behind in planning for this area and this is where a lot of cities tend to loose the money for the Enhancement Grant. Rick West stressed that the City needs to get an engineering firm on board for this project, one that specializes in bridges and has dealt with enhancement grant timelines. Don Solga stated he is going to approach Council on October 30 and suggest Interstate Engineering as the engineering firm to assist with the grant.

Other Park Board Items:

The River Runs North Sign was discussed. Brian stated he is still waiting for MnDot approval to mount the sign to the bridge. It has been a long process.

The lighting at Historic City Hall was discussed. Brian is still working on this.

The Student Park Board terms, responsibilities and ages of members were discussed. It was decided that student members should be aware of what is expected of them prior to becoming members. Item will be on November agenda.

The next meeting will be November 27 at 8:30 am.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 am

Kristi Skramstad
Park Board Secretary