

## **CITY OF PELICAN RAPIDS PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**April 7, 2009**

**8:30 a.m.**

The City of Pelican Rapids Park Board held its regular meeting at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 7, 2009, Council Chambers, City Hall, 315 N Broadway. Board Members, Mel Zierke, Sandy Irey, Terra Fitzsimmons and Annie Wrigg were present. David Gottenborg, Mikayla Jensen and Sally Huynh were absent. City Administrator Don Solga, Street and Park Superintendent Brian Olson were also absent. Secretary Kristi Skramstad was present.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mel Zierke.

Sandy Irey made a motion to approve the February 24, 2009 minutes. Annie Wrigg seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Additions: None

Deletions: None

**Council Actions Since Last Meeting:** Mel Zierke reported that Annie Wrigg's appointment to the Park Board was approved by Council. The council also approved the board's recommendation to give the State Grant funds for the River Park back to the State and find other means to fund the bike paths.

### **NAPA Estimate:**

Item tabled until next meeting.

### **Veterans' Memorial River Park:**

Sandy Irey felt it is important to have ideas and a timeline to complete items for this area. Annie Wrigg stated that she would like to see more benches, picnic tables and a path along the river. She would also like to see the existing benches moved to the west side of the park. She is amazed at how many people enjoy the area. She would like to see the area be more people friendly. Spending a lot of time and money on the east area near the culvert bridge is not necessary since we don't know the layout of that area as of yet. Mel and Sandy suggested that Oktoberfest may be interested in providing benches.

The horseshoe lean-to was discussed. Members feel that it should remain intact or if possible turned until something else can be built there to provide shade. Kristi Skramstad will check minutes from prior meetings to find past discussion on subject. Designated parking near the river was discussed. Annie suggested using something natural to block cars from going too close to the river.

Funding and man power for this project was discussed. Mel will contact Don to see if a letter can be drafted to service groups to assist. Members also felt it would be nice to get younger kids involved.

There was a discussion on funding of flower planters.

Sandy Irely made a motion to make a recommendation to Council for permission to solicit businesses for assistance in paying for the flowers in the planters. Terra Fitzsimmons seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

### **BBQ Pits:**

Mel reported that he and Sandy gave a brief presentation regarding the BBQ pits to Rotary in March. Rotary requested a special meeting to discuss at length. Annie suggested that they speak to Glenys Ehlert to get a program date at Rotary. They will do that. It is a good time to talk about the BBQ pits since Rotary will be planning the upcoming BBQ.

### **Antique Store Sign:**

Mel reported that Oktoberfest approved funds to provide the sign. Mel and Sandy would like to see it completed by Memorial Day. Pictures to be used in the sign still need to be finalized.

Terra Fitzsimmons made a motion to recommend to Council to accept Oktoberfest's donation of a new sign for the north side of the antique store. Sandy seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Flower Planters:**

Sandy spoke to Mary Nelson and will be meeting with her soon to discuss the planters. Sandy is very hopeful that flowers will be eye catching and colorful this year. Item should be on April agenda.

### **Damage to Peterson Park Bench:**

A bench in the playground has been damaged. Placement of bench was discussed. Since bench is already out of the ground members would like to see it moved to a more shaded location if possible. Item will be on April agenda.

### **Other Items:**

Sandy wondered if the new signage for E.L. Peterson Park had been installed in the alley behind Card Brokers.

The next meeting will be April 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am.

Chairman Zierke adjourned the meeting at 9:45 am

Kristi Skramstad  
Park Board Secretary