



**MINUTES
PARK BOARD MEETING
March 8, 2011**

ADMINISTER OATHS OF OFFICE

City Clerk Moeller administered the Oath of Office to new Park Board members Jane Morrison, Mike Sadler, and Michelle Jerde, and welcomed the new members to their office.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Public Works Director Wurzer at 5:30 pm.

Present: Members: Brian Torney, Bob Hardin, Michelle Jerde, Jane Morrison and Mike Sadler

Staff Present: Public Works Director: Marv Wurzer; and City Clerk: Jeanette Moeller

Absent: None

BUSINESS ITEMS

Approve Agenda

No objections were made to the agenda as presented.

Discuss Recommendation to City Council – Park Board Chairperson and Secretary Appointments

City Clerk Moeller explained the duties of the Chairperson and Secretary officer positions and then recommended the Board make its selection.

A motion was made by Morrison, seconded by Jerde, to recommend the City Council appoint member Brian Torney as Chairperson and Bob Hardin as Secretary of the Park Board. Ayes: all.

Discuss Future Park Board Meeting Schedule

City Clerk Moeller suggested the Park Board discuss a meeting schedule to determine what future schedule would work best for the majority of members, taking into account conflicts with other City Board/Commission meetings.

It was the consensus of the Board that the fourth Tuesday of months April through August, with additional dates as needed during the fall and winter months, be established as the future schedule with a meeting start time of 5:30 pm.

A motion was made by Hardin, seconded by Sadler, to set the fourth Tuesday of months April through August with additional dates as needed as the meeting schedule for the Park Board, with meetings beginning at 5:30 pm. Ayes: all.

City Clerk Moeller indicated she would send Park Board members a full 2011 meeting schedule for their calendar planning.

Discuss Orono Youth Baseball Field Improvements Request

Guests Tony Patterson and Gary Michel attended the meeting to represent the Orono Youth Baseball Association (OBA). The OBA would like to utilize the Holbrook Park field from mid-April through the end of May at three days per week for six weeks. They submitted a letter requesting they be allowed preferential scheduling when renting field time and guaranteed their desired three days per week rental schedule for their season, and in exchange for the guarantee they would like to donate funds for improvement of the ballfield facilities at Holbrook Park to better accommodate their intended use. Board members discussed the OBA's request and informed the OBA representatives that the matter would be discussed further, with the final determination to be made by the City Council. The Board thanked Mr. Patterson and Mr. Michel for their presentation.

Discuss Potential Dog Park Project and Location Ideas

During the Board's discussion, interest in a dog park location moved most favorably to the land located at the east end of Trail A or the old pond area. With the sound wall to the north and partially fenced, the park could be developed at a reasonable expense. Board members will look at the area further as spring arrives and winter conditions have departed.

Discuss Park Trail Repair / Sealcoating Project

Public Works Director Wurzer stated he would be requested quotes for replacing the path in Hardin Park, trail repairs in Nelson Lakeside Park, and recoating some areas with a slurry seal.

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was discussed.

ADJOURN

With no additional business, the Board adjourned by general consent at 6:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Hardin
Park Board Secretary