



**MINUTES
PARK BOARD MEETING
April 26, 2011**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Torney at 5:35 pm.

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

Staff Present: Public Works Director: Marv Wurzer

Others Present: Council Liaison: Donny Chillstrom

Absent: None

BUSINESS ITEMS

Approve Agenda

No objections were made to the agenda as presented.

Discuss Dog Park Options

Board members discussed whether or not an off-leash dog park would serve to improve the community's needs.

A motion was made by Jerde, seconded by Sadler, that a dog park is needed and the Board should pursue it. Ayes: all.

After briefly discussing the amenities necessary to set up such a park, it was agreed more time would be needed for the Board to recommend a proposal.

A motion was made by Torney, seconded by Sadler, to table this item for further discussion until the Board's May 24 meeting in Dexter Park. Ayes: all.

Recommendation to City Council Regarding Hardin Park Tennis Court Repair

Public Works Director Wurzer reviewed the cost involved in repairing the court in terms of both short term (3-5 years) at a cost of \$13,850.00, or long term (10 years +) at a cost of \$24,850.00. It was the consensus of the Board that further discussion of the matter should be tabled until a variety of repair options, contractors, and funding resources including grant opportunities could be reviewed.

Recommendation to City Council Regarding Hardin Park Trail and Basketball Half Court Improvements

Options were discussed to repair or replace the trail, the asphalt surface along the east side of the tennis court (basketball half court area), and the short space as you enter the tennis court.

A motion was made by Hardin, seconded by Morrison, to direct staff to remove the cottonwood tree that is causing the damage and would need to be removed prior to any trail work, and to table the issue for later discussions. Ayes: all.

Recommendation to City Council Regarding 2011 Trail Seal Coating

Wurzer presented quotes from two companies recommended by neighboring communities for the 2011 trail seal coating project. Wurzer indicated he was unfamiliar with the seal coatings offered and the Board decided to table this until a future meeting so that Wurzer may locate additional references. Board members were in agreement that it is important to keep the City's main trail system in good condition.

Discuss 2011 Goose Control Efforts

Since goose control was not implemented in 2010, the Board felt it would be good to do so this year.

A motion was made by Sadler, seconded by Jerde, directing that staff try the chemical deterrent suggested by Council Member Olson. Ayes: Hardin, Jerde, Morrison and Sadler. Nay: Torney. Motion carried.

Chairperson Torney objects to all chemical applications.

Discuss Progress of Orono Baseball Association Field Improvements at Holbrook Park

Work on the Holbrook Park ballfield by the Orono Baseball Association is progressing. Plywood will be laid out to protect the grounds while equipment removes sod and expands the ag-lime field.

OTHER BUSINESS

Future Projects - With money not available for CIP planning, the Board will prioritize all projects now being considered for future recommendation.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Hardin, seconded by Sadler to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 pm. Ayes: all. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Hardin
Park Board Secretary