



**MINUTES
PARK BOARD MEETING
May 24, 2011**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order in Dexter Park by Chairperson Torney at 5:30 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.

Approve Minutes of April 26, 2011 Park Board Meeting

Chairperson Torney requested that the comment "Chairperson Torney objects to all chemical applications" be deleted from the April 26, 2011 meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Sadler, seconded by Hardin, to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2011 Park Board meeting as amended. Ayes: all.

Tobacco-Free Parks Presentation by Orono High School – Youth in Action Students (10-Minute Presentation)

Chairperson Torney welcomed the Orono High School Youth in Action students and invited them to make their Tobacco-Free Parks presentation. Accompanied by Hennepin County Program Coordinator Emily Anderson and Derek Larson, students included Amy Wenz, Elizabeth Fossen, Ashley Melco and Elly Huston. Each student gave a reason why they would like to see a Tobacco-Free Parks policy be adopted. Materials were distributed to Board members explaining the benefits of the program, how to implement it, other materials available, communities with tobacco-free parks, and including information about enforcement and publicizing the program.

After discussing the presentation, the Board agreed to support the policy and to ask that staff include the matter on an upcoming Council meeting agenda.

A motion was made by Sadler, seconded by Jerde, to refer the Tobacco-Free Parks presentation and policy to the Council. Ayes: all.

Potential Dog Park Project Site Evaluation and Discussion

Board member Jerde explained the mission for Long Lake to establish a dog park to be viewed as a community and City partnership. She pointed out the advantages and disadvantages of a dog park and highlighted areas of City involvement including potential rules, regulations, and ongoing

maintenance. Jerde also furnished Board members with materials to research a dog park program in depth.

Wurzer noted that signage for a dog park should include some age restriction for persons attending dogs.

OTHER BUSINESS

Boat Facility Improvements – Chairperson Torney stated he would like to see the matter of improving boat ramps and parking for boats/trailers be brought up again for discussion, and would like to see a complete list of the amenities each park offers made available for residents.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Sadler, seconded by Jerde to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: all. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Hardin
Park Board Secretary