



**MINUTES
PARK BOARD MEETING
June 28, 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, and Mike Sadler

Staff Present: Public Works Director: Marv Wurzer

Others Present: Council Liaison: Donny Chillstrom

Absent: Members: Jane Morrison

BUSINESS ITEMS

Approve Agenda

No objections were made to the agenda as presented.

Approve Minutes of May 24, 2011 Park Board Meeting

A motion was made by Hardin, seconded by Jerde, to approve the minutes of the May 24, 2011 Park Board meeting as presented. Ayes: all.

Continued Discussion of Dog Park Project – Receive Fencing Cost Estimates

The Board discussed the dog park project from the standpoint of trying to eliminate unnecessary changes that could arise following the park's opening.

Public Works Director Wurzer provided cost estimates for fencing and the various gates that would be needed.

Questions remain regarding what amenities should be in place to start that could be upgraded later. Chairperson Torney suggested that it would be valuable if the Board could attend a meeting of another Park Board in the area that has had a dog park for an extended period of time, in order to learn from other communities' experiences. Board member Jerde volunteered to try and contact other cities regarding fence height and other concerns.

Discuss Alternate Layout Proposal for Boat Parking Area at Nelson Lakeside Park

Council Liaison Chillstrom brought up the question of making changes in the Nelson Lakeside Park parking lot for vehicles and boat trailer. Expanding this area has been an issue for some time. After discussing the possibilities, the Board asked Public Works Director Wurzer to draw up a sketch of the existing parking lot and proposed changes the Board discussed, including the following:

- Removing posts as they are damaged and unsightly.
- Removing the east berm to be replaced with gravel bringing the parking lot approximately 14 feet closer to Lake Street.
- Look into a split rain fencing to surround the lot. This would also conform to the fencing now in place in all other areas of the park.

The Board directed Wurzer to research costs for the proposed improvements for presentation at a future meeting. The Board also requested that Wurzer's sketch of the parking area be included with the meeting minutes.

Recommendation to City Council Regarding Prioritization of Capital Improvement Spending for the 2012 Budget

No meeting minutes were recorded for this agenda item.

OTHER BUSINESS

Trail from Orchard Lane to Fire Station – The Board discussed the idea of a gravel trail from Orchard Lane along the west side of Holbrook Park to the Fire Station, with the possibility of the trail being included in the capital improvement program. Discussion of this item was tabled.

Hardin Park Tennis Court – The Board recommended tabling further discussion of Hardin Park tennis court improvements due to lack of funding availability. Board member Sadler offered to continue to research outside funding opportunities.

ADJOURN

Chairperson Torney adjourned the meeting at 6:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Hardin
Park Board Secretary