



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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order in Dexter Park by Chairperson Torney at 5:29 pm.

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

Staff Present: City Administrator: Terrance Post

Others Present: Council Liaison: Donny Chillstrom

Absent: None

BUSINESS ITEMS

Approve Agenda

No objections were made to the agenda as presented.

Approve Minutes of June 28, 2011 Park Board Meeting

A motion was made by Hardin, seconded by Jerde, to approve the minutes of the June 28, 2011 Park Board meeting as presented. Ayes: all.

Continued Discussion of Proposed Dog Park Project

Discussion opened on the crowded conditions for boat and trailer traffic and parking in Nelson Lakeside Park, with a number of vehicles having been observed driving through the gate and parking trailers in the lakeside portion of the park area. The Board discussed several ideas to restrict parking to designated areas in the parking lot and on street.

City Administrator Post pointed out several portions of the City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 40, Article V. Personal Watercraft, regarding State regulations and enforcement agencies that pertain to regulating all activities on Long Lake.

The Park Board requested that Administrator Post present their proposed changes for the parking boat trailer parking lot to the City Council for their consideration. Park Board members indicated they would be present to answer questions.

Continued Discussion of Proposed Changes to Gravel Parking Lot at Nelson Lakeside Park

Board member Jerde reported on her contacts with the City of New Hope regarding their off-leash dog experiences. Jerde explained how New Hope utilizes their hockey rink during the off season as an off-leash area for dog owners to allow their dogs to run.

Board member Sadler reported on the off-leash program offered by the City of Eden Prairie, and presented materials accompanied by pictures and regulations. Seasonal off-leash areas are open April through October. Sadler volunteered to create a presentation for the City Council utilizing Eden

Prairie's materials as an example, forming a suggested off-leash dog park program for consideration by the Council.

The Park Board unanimously agreed to request that Administrator Post present the proposal to the City Council at their upcoming meeting. Park Board members stated they would be attending to address any questions.

Recommendation to City Council Regarding Prioritization of Capital Improvement Projects

Board members were in agreement to defer discussion of prioritizing and scheduling capital improvement projects until their August meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was discussed.

ADJOURN

Chairperson Torney adjourned the meeting at 6:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Hardin
Park Board Secretary