

Minutes  
Chaska Park Board  
April 11, 2011

The April meeting of the Chaska Park Board was called to order by Chairman Bostrom at 7 P.M. in The Lodge.

Present: Bostrom, Grau, Spizale, Mason, Wittrock, Merdan, Skoogman, Olsen, and Maloney.

Absent: Wittman

Staff present: Kathy Skinner and Tom Redman

Guest present: Troy Stein

VISITOR PRESENTATION

No one appeared under visitor presentation.

MINUTES

Motion by Maloney, second by Spizale to approve the Chaska Park Board minutes of March 12, 2011. Motion carried.

Motion by Grau, second by Skoogman to receive the March city council and planning commission minutes. Motion carried.

WINKEL PARK MASTER PLAN

As part of the master planning process for Chaska Athletic Park a meeting was held with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The purpose of the meeting was to look at ways that the city of Chaska could partner with the Wildlife Service as it related to the Chaska Lake and Athletic Park area. From that meeting there was interest in continuing the discussion as it may relate to Winkel Park. One thought was to provide public access from Winkel Park, which is in closer proximity to downtown Chaska, to the Chaska Lake Federal Refuge. What the city of Chaska will be doing is working with Hosington Koegler and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to complete a master plan for Winkel Park. When completed it will be presented with the Athletic Park master plan to the Chaska City Council.

CCC CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The CCC is now 21 years old with a present day value of nearly 43 million dollars. In order to preserve this investment, CCC staff has been working with the 292 Design Group to come up

with a capital improvement program. The CCC CIP power point presentation was shown to the Park Board. The same power point presentation will be shown to the Chaska City Council at their April 18<sup>th</sup> work session. The plan as presented shows CCC improvement at an estimated cost of over 4 million dollars over the next 10-15 years.

#### CITY OF CHASKA DOME OBJECTIVES

A list of 17 dome objectives as drafted were presented to the Chaska Park Board. City staff will meet the morning of April 12 to continue the discussion on what the dome objectives should be within our community. Skoogman indicated that it would be preferable to have satellite fields in close proximity to the domed premier facility. Suggestion was also made to include signage and advertising in the dome as an objective. The objective process is intended in part to determine preferred sites and partners within the city of Chaska.

#### GRIEP PARK AND SOUTHWEST CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL

The Chaska Park Board members were informed that the SW Christian development concept plan will be presented to them for their recommendation on park dedication at their May 9, 2011 meeting. This same concept plan will go to the Chaska Planning Commission on May 11, 2011. The question before the Park Board will be to either recommend acceptance of 10% of the SWHS land adjacent to Greip Park or to recommend that their park dedication be met through cash. Any dollar dedication is earmarked for the Chaska Development Fund which assists with the development of the city of Chaska Parks and Trails System. Drawings and maps were shown to the Park Board in addition to the city of Chaska staff recommendation memo that indicates that the park dedication be met through cash versus a land donation.

Indication was given that the Chaska Park and Recreation Department staff will host a neighborhood meeting in the summer of 2011 to discuss the future development of Griep Park as a neighborhood park. Letters will be mailed out to all residents in the area once the meeting date has been set. This meeting will be held regardless of whether there is new land dedicated as part of Griep Park. How the park could be developed will be predicated in large part on the consensus of the neighborhood residents. A similar meeting some years ago was held where area residents preferred that Griep Park be left in its natural state with only trails.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

- + Chaska park tennis nets, restrooms, and field maintenance are scheduled to begin near the third week in April.
- + A brief report was given pertaining to the recent visit to the St. Paul Curling Club by city staff.
- + August 18<sup>th</sup> will be the annual Touch A Truck celebration at the CCC.
- + The CCC and The Lodge monthly calendars were received.

- + The Chaska Town Course is schedule to open April 14, 2011.
- + Question was raised regarding the Chaska Commissioners handbook.
- + The last 3 season reports of the outdoor rinks were received.

Motion by Skoogman, second by Merdan to adjourn the April meeting of the Chaska Park Board. Motion carried.