

Minutes
Chaska Park Board
March 12, 2011

The March 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, Wittman and Olsen.

Absent: Maloney

Staff present: Kathy Skinner and Tom Redman

VISITOR PRESENTATION

No one appeared under visitor presentation.

MINUTES

Motion by Merdan, second by Spizale to approve the January 2011 with one change of deleting the reference to the Planning Commission under minutes. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Mason, second by Merdan to recognize recently retired Chaska Park Board member Greg Johnson for his years of volunteer service on the Board. Motion carried.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW PARK BOARD MEMBERS

Bob Wittman, Sean Olsen and Patricia Wittrock introduced themselves as new Chaska Park Board members. All were welcomed onto the Chaska Park Board.

OUTDOOR CHASKA ICE RINK REPORT 2010-2011

A report that highlighted the attendance at city of Chaska outdoor skating rinks as compiled by Madeline Wolters was reviewed. The rink locations in Chaska are at Lions Park, Community Park and at the Carver-Scott Coop. A question was asked as to how these numbers compared to last years. Last year's report will be sent to the Board.

CHASKA ATHLETIC PARK MASTER PLAN

The Chaska Athletic Park Master plan and preliminary budget as being proposed to the Chaska City Council on April 18 were presented to the Chaska Park Board. The plan was a result of city Park and Recreation and Public Works staff working with the Chaska Cubs Baseball Board volunteers and Hoisington Koegler over the past 10 months. Meetings with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service were held with additional future meetings planned as they relate to the inclusion of Winkel Park into the planning process. A public open house was held at the CCC to allow the public to comment on the plan. It is also anticipated that the school district will now be contacted for partnering as it relates to financial assistance. With the plan was a phasing map that showed 3 possible phasing scenarios. Note was made that there will be additional meetings to determine the first phase budget and projects and that any city of Chaska allocation will be in relation to other city of Chaska parks and trails projects as identified in the capital improvement program. A map showing the new Highway #41 alignment was also shown.

GRIEP PARK AND SW CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL

A map showing Griep Park as situated today was overviewed by the Board. The map also showed what the park would look like if the city accepted park dedication land from SW Christian as part of the proposed plan. The city of Chaska is having 3 rough sketches showing what could happen with Griep Park if developed as a neighborhood park. Staff will also be looking at other options pertaining to what may best serve area residents through park dedication. Comment was made that residents may have concerns with vehicular access and parking as part of any neighborhood park. Future meetings will be held with area residents to discuss opportunities for additional park acreage additions to Griep Park and how it could best be developed to serve the majority.

Staff did indicate that a meeting was held approximately 15 years ago with area residents to discuss developing Griep Park as a neighborhood park. The strong consensus at that time was to leave the heavily wooded park as is and to pursue more of the play apparatus as part of any land acquired through park dedication in the future when the land to the North was to be developed.

OTHER BUSINESS

+ The Park Board was informed that the city of Chaska has started the process of determining the feasibility of a dome within our community. The process will start with identifying the objectives of any such component.

+ City staff will be traveling to St. Paul on March 13 to visit the St. Paul Curling Club.

+ Comment was made that a meeting has been scheduled for the CCC on March 21 to discuss how we can work together to promote the Bountiful Basket Food Shelf located in Chaska as a

wonderful community resource.

- + St. Patrick's Day will be celebrated in The Lodge with nearly 150 Irish AOA's on March 17.
- + Well over 1,000 Chaska area residents attended the Friday evening Chaska Carnival intended for family members. Another great example of community gathering!
- + The spring/summer Park and Rec/CCC brochure was distributed to board members.
- + March CCC Calendar
- + March Lodge Calendar
- + January 2011 Center Pieces Employee newsletter.

Motion by Wittrock, second by Olsen to adjourn the March meeting of the Chaska Park Board.
Motion carried.