

Minutes
Chaska Park Board
May 9, 2011

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

Present: Bostrom, Grau, Spizale, Mason, Wittrock, Merdan, and Olsen

Absent: Wittman, Maloney and Skoogman

Staff present: Kathy Skinner and Tom Redman

Guests present: Randal Giroux and representatives from South West Christian High School

VISITOR PRESENTATION

Mr. Joe Picha from South West Christian High School overviewed the boards that showed the proposed school development in Chaska.

MINUTES

Motion by Spizale, second by Merdan to approve the Chaska Park Board minutes of April 11, 2011. Motion carried. A question was asked pertaining to the dome objectives as they related to advertising.

Motion by Merdan, second by Grau to accept the April 2011 Chaska City Council and Chaska Planning Commission minutes. Motion carried.

REVIEW SOUTH WEST CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL PRELIMINARY PLAN

Discussion was held and information reviewed as it related to the preliminary plan for the South West Christian High School. Chaska resident Randy Giroux asked questions regarding the extracted value of the added park land in question and whether this value would be utilized for the Griep Park development. Mr. Giroux and the city of Chaska share a common interest in developing Griep Park to a high quality standard. An overview of the Chaska park development fund as an enterprise fund and how it related to the city of Chaska Comprehensive Parks and Trails Plan and the annual review and implementation of the Chaska trails and parks capital improvement program was given.

Discussion was held pertaining to past and future partnership opportunities between SWCHS and the city of Chaska Park and Recreation Department. Comment was made as to the value or park worth of the land being suggested for dedication from the school to the city. Concern was

expressed by one Park Board member relating to public access to the school site via residential streets situated to the east of the school property. Question was asked to how this wooded parcel would be utilized by SWCHS if not dedicated as park land. Note was made that the city Park and Recreation Department staff would be meeting with area residents in the future to discuss how Griep Park would be developed.

Motion by Olsen, second by Spizale to recommend that the park land dedication requirements for the South West Christian High School proposal be met through cash as allowed for by the city of Chaska ordinance. Motion carried 5-2 (For - Bostrom, Spizale, Wittrock, Grau and Olsen) (Nay - Mason and Merdan).

OTHER BUSINESS

+ Board member Mason is interested in knowing to what extent the Chaska Park Board should be following the letter of intent as written in the city handbook for Park Board proceedings. An example would be that members are to take the oath of office, which is not currently administered.

+ The Lodge and CCC calendars for the month of May.

+ Center Pieces, CCC employee newsletter.

+ 5K – 10K community run on Saturday, May 14 out of the CCC

+ Question asked to the priority process in accommodating Chaska residents for field/tournament request on city of Chaska ball fields.

Motion by Mason, second by Wittrock to adjourn the May meeting of the Chaska Park Board. Motion carried.