

PARKS, RECREATION & FORESTRY BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, September 14, 2010
6:00 p.m.

- 1) Call to order by Vice President Dale Berg.
Roll Call: Members Present: Carmen Muenich, Audrey Stowell, Heidi Hoekstra, Beth Arneberg, and Dale Berg. Abent: Curt Stepanek and Jane Lardahl.
Staff present: Terry Johnson and Dick Hebert.
- 2) Approval of August 10, Minutes: **Motion by Carmen Muenich, seconded by Heidi Hoekstra, all present voting aye, to approve minutes of the August 10, 2010, meeting.**
- 3) Personal Appearances: None.
- 4) Communications. None.
- 5) Update on Current Projects. Dick distributed Park Board Report September Meeting as prepared by Bill Faherty for review.
 - a. Gaylord Howard Estate. Bill will be meeting with Community Foundation on Wednesday, Sept. 22, at 10:30 a.m.
 - b. Archie Remington Estate. No update.
 - c. Earl Scholl Estate. Recent value is \$37,009.01.
 - d. Native Tree Trail. Continuing project.
 - e. Irvine Park Band Shell Renovation. Work being done.
- 6) Discuss/Consider Personnel Report. Dick reports that one employee is on sick leave. One part-time employee will be done on Sept. 17; another will be working weekends until Jan. One full-time employee will be retiring in December. Bill does want to replace a full-time employee. Dick presents a map of the roads in the park. The road from Flag Hill to the Schoolhouse, the road out to the North end, and Bear Dean Road will soon be closed to vehicular traffic. The road from the zoo up around Kell's Corner, past the schoolhouse and back down to the cannon will be open during the week from 7:00 to 3:00 and closed on the weekends. This is because the weekend staff person does not have enough time to feed the animals, clean the bathrooms, do the other things that need to be done and also take care of the gates, so the gates will be closed. This change is likely to happen toward the end of September or early October. Carmen suggested the Council be made aware of this change. A press release will also be written or some other communication given to the newspaper so that the public can be made aware of the change.

Staff member Kevin Sweeney arrives.

- 7) Discuss/Consider Recreation Report.
- a. Outdoor Swimming Pool. Dick presented pool report. Discussion on attendance, revenue, and expenses. Dick will have final expenses next month. Also, the grates were installed and inspected as required under the new law.
 - b. Fall Activities. There are fall softball leagues on Tuesday and Wednesday until October. There are 285 kids playing soccer this year. Games started on Saturday. Swimming lessons and gymnastics will be starting in October, with registration starting on September 20.
- 8) Discuss / Consider Friends of Irvine Park Zoo Report. No report.
- 9) Discuss / Consider Parks Maintenance Report.
- a. Irvine Park. Dick reports that Bill has been working with Watton Patterns, who is looking at designing a park bench for a future fundraiser for the Park. Discussion regarding bricks and brick location map. Discussed closing the park roads previously.
 - b. Casper Park. The house at Casper Park was vandalized. Dale asked how the Hmong festival went. Terry reported that it went well, although next time he would move the volleyball courts to a different area.
 - c. Neighborhood Parks. Kevin reports that volunteers have done the much-needed weeding at the neighborhood parks. It was a nice improvement.
- 10) Board Member comments or concerns. Carmen wanted to know if Bill had made any progress on making sure the northwest part of the Park stayed natural. Bill can let us know next month. Dick reported that he expected SEH would soon have design proposals for the Glen Loch overlook. Heidi had questions about the work being done on the bandshell. She also asked about the cover for Little Dinky. Kevin reported that Chuck has met with a contractor about that.
- 11) Approve Claims. Motion by Audrey Stowell, seconded by Heidi Hoekstra, all present voting aye, to approve claims of \$27,587.77.
- Carmen had questions about the Estate of Gaylord Howard funds being placed in the Community Foundation and the ability and process of using those funds once they're invested. Discussion regarding whether they would be placed in the original Irvine fund or the fund we set up more recently. Carmen will plan to attend the meeting with the Community Foundation on Sept. 22 and report back. He would like to look at establishing a long-term plan for the development of Marshall Park because of the use at Irvine Park.
- 12) Adjournment. Motion by Carmen Muenich, seconded by Dale Berg, all present voting aye, to adjourn.

Submitted by:

Audrey Stowell, Secretary