

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES FOR THE
MEETING OF

June 9, 2010

Present: Jim Austin, Rhonda Buck, Bob Cook, Megan Harley, Eric Hartfield, Jerry Hopkins, Dan Lavengood, Rod Van Oeveren, Doug Wustman

Absent: Dave Skinner

Staff Present: Nancy Parent, Rebecca Rynbrandt

City Council Liaison: Rich Pastoor

Call to order of the Parks and Recreation Commission – Chairman Lavengood called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Agenda – Motion was made by Rod Van Oeveren, seconded by Megan Harley to approve the agenda. Carried.

Approval of the Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes of the May 12, 2010 Meeting - Motion was made by Rhonda Buck, seconded by Megan Harley to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2010 meeting. Carried.

Public Comment on Agenda Item (limit to 3 minutes) – None.

Maranda Park Party – Becky asked for a volunteer to represent the Parks & Recreation Commission at the event to be held on July 1. Rod VanOeveren volunteered to represent the Commission, Eric Hartfield will sub if needed. Volunteers for the event are also needed for traffic control and parking. Call or e-mail Becky if you are interested. We are expecting 4,000 people.

Millage Consolidation – Rynbrandt updated the committee that while millage consolidation is continuing to be discussed by the City Council, the City Manager is encouraging the Mayor to consider only keeping the question on the ballot that was already brought forth, which is the capital millage and to leave the discussion regarding Parks and Recreation millage and others to a future date. It is believed that the Council may need more information to determine if millage consolidation will be helpful. It is felt that the City Council needs to formalize a plan of action as consolidating millages doesn't create more money. If the Council desires to place an expanded millage consolidation question on the November ballot it will need to be crafted and submitted to the Attorney General's office by the end of June.. They may be able to push this to the first or second week in July.

Rod Van Oeveren voiced concern regarding consolidating the Parks and Recreation Millage. Eric Hartfield questioned how the Council is determining if citizens desire a consolidation of the Parks and Recreation millage; and if so what areas would be cut. Megan Harley suggested that citizens have already indicated through the millage that

they prefer parks and recreation services to be dedicated. Jim Austin shared his belief that citizens prefer dedicated millages. Rhonda Buck indicated she is opposed to consolidating the millage. The consensus of the commission is that the millage has provided stable funding for parks and recreation services; that such services are vitally important to the community's quality of life, citizen and family health and wellness, sustaining our neighborhoods and maintaining property values; Dan Lavengood encouraged the Commissioners to have a conversation with their council representatives. Doug Wustman suggested that the commission go on record that they are against consolidation of the Parks and Recreation millage in November or at any future date.

Doug Wustman made a motion that the Parks and Recreation Commission oppose consolidation of the Parks and Recreation millage in November or at any future date, seconded by Rhonda Buck. Motion carried unanimously. In addition to the motion the consensus of the Commission is to craft a letter to go to City Council sharing the Commission's concerns. Chairman Dan Lavengood will assist in preparing this correspondence.

Doug Wustman took a tour of our parks and would challenge the City Council to tour the parks and see all the activities in the parks, different ages, variety of activities, ethnicity, etc. If consolidation of the Parks and Recreation millage is put on November ballot, Chairman Lavengood will call a meeting in July.

Wyoming Senior Center Renovation – We have \$35,000 from CDBG for continuing renovation of the senior center after July 1. We have identified renovation of the game room area and have been strategizing on the renovation. If any Commissioners feel the renovation should go in a different area, please contact Becky.

Capital Projects Update

Oriole Park Redevelopment – This project is on schedule. The grand opening will be the first or second week in August, including opening the splash pad. The decision will be made at the next project meeting. The grand opening will be on a Wednesday or Friday with the commission indicating a preference of Friday at 11:00 a.m.

Wyoming Senior Center Sign – The new sign will be in place by June 21.

Housekeeping/Informational Items – Pursuant to the official commission schedule, there will be no meetings in July and August unless Chairman Lavengood calls a special meeting.

Dave Skinner has been reappointed to the Commission. Rod Van Oeveren is going to continue to represent the Godwin school district even though he is no longer on the school board.

A concern was raised regarding Palmer park softball field's accessibility to wheelchairs. A suggestion was made to compact down the soil to make it more accessible.

Commissioner Concerns and Suggestions – None.

Public Comment in General (Limit to 3 minutes) – None.

Motion to Adjourn the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting – Motion to adjourn was made by Rod Van Oeveren, seconded by Doug Wustman. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Recorded by _____
Nancy Parent
Recording Secretary