

ARLINGTON PARK BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 10, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Ihrke.

Present: Chairman Alan Ihrke, Michelle Battcher, Gary Hultgren, Sue Schultz, Bob Thomes, Councilmember Wills

Absent: Pia Larsen

Also Present: City Administrator Krueger, Mayor Kreft, Street/Park Supt. Thomes

Motion by Schultz, seconded by Battcher, and carried (Ihrke abstained) to appoint Alan Ihrke as the Chairman of the Park Board for one year.

Motion by Schultz, seconded by Battcher, and carried (R. Thomes abstained) to appoint Robert Thomes as Vice Chairman of the Park Board for one year.

Mayor Kreft stated that the Secretary position does not have to be a member of the Board, which city staff will be taking the minutes from the recording (DVD).

Discussion was held on setting a monthly meeting date. It was the consensus of the Board to meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Kreft explained that upon taking office, he had asked the city staff to provide him with information about the various committees and the rules that govern them; none could be found for the Park Board. Attorney Arneson drafted an ordinance for the Park Board to review. It was suggested to include in the ordinance that the Park Board should review the applications for the Summer Recreation Program and lawn mowing positions and then make recommendations to the Council for approval. It was suggested to include "trails" in the last line of Section 2 where it reads: "on matters pertaining to the parks, trails, and recreational programs..."

R. Thomes questioned what kind of budget the Park Board had to work with. Administrator Krueger stated that he would bring the budget information (showing how money was allocated) to the next regular meeting. He explained that so many dollars were budgeted for trails, a permanent fence at Four Seasons Park, and a shelter for Frenzel Park. Supt. Thomes added that money had been allocated for woodchips for Four Season's Park and Frenzel Park, plus aglime for all the baseball fields.

Considerable discussion was held on putting up a shelter in Fairview Park (behind hospital) and Frenzel Park. Some concern was expressed that if the Good Samaritan Center is putting up the shelter, they should also be able to use it (Fairview Park).

The following goals for 2007 were discussed, but no action was taken: Sportsman's Park Bridge, to repair or replace it; Garden Club; Trails – having a master trail plan; fence at Four Season's Park near railroad tracks; tree bank; and what to do about the Sportsman's Park.

Motion by Battcher, seconded by Schultz, and passed by unanimous vote to adjourn the meeting.

Parks Superintendent Dan Thomes

Chairman Alan Ihrke