

ARLINGTON PARK COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES JUNE 28, 2007

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

Present: Chairman Ihrke, Battcher, Schultz, B.Thomes, Councilmember Wills

Absent: Hultgren, Larsen

Also Present: Street/Park Supt. Thomes

Motion by Wills, seconded by B.Thomes, and passed by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the April 18, 2007 meeting as corrected.

It was noted that the Park Committee had met at Fairview Park prior to the meeting to review the site for the proposed shelter. It had been suggested and agreed to move the shelter into the park more and turn it so it would run east/west. It had also been suggested and agreed to use the same maintenance free siding as the new assisted living complex. A sidewalk was proposed to run from the hospital parking lot to the shelter (cost split 50-50), which 2 parking spaces will be taken for handicap accessibility reasons. A second sidewalk is to run from the Good Samaritan Center to the shelter (100% their expense).

Motion by B.Thomes, seconded by Schultz, and passed by unanimous vote to recommend to the City Council to approve the above suggestions regarding the proposed shelter in Fairview Park.

Wills commented that he had talked with the Morks about their request for new play equipment. They informed him that they were just looking for some newer equipment (swings, slide, etc.) for safety reasons. Discussion was held on what funds were available to purchase equipment (2 developments supposed to be doing trails or park dedication). Wills will check into this (to see where the money from park dedication goes). The Committee reviewed what funds were still available in the Parks Budget. The Committee discussed looking for grants to help pay for some equipment.

Brief discussion was held on the bridge at the Sportsman's Park. Supt. Thomes stated that the bridge had been pulled out, but was sitting on the bank. He knew of someone that would come in and remove it at no cost. It was agreed that the bridge will not be replaced until such time as a trail system can be developed, which it can then be included with that plan.

Motion by Wills, seconded by B.Thomes, passed by unanimous vote to authorize Supt. Thomes to get rid of the bridge at the Sportsman's Park.

Discussion was held on the upcoming Committee budget meetings.

Considerable discussion was held on trails within Arlington and the Joint (County) trail.

Supt. Thomes suggested budgeting for sidewalks that run to the play equipment in both Four Seasons Park and Frenzel Park.

Wills questioned how discussions were going with the railroad about allowing a fence to be placed in their right-of way near Four Seasons Park. Supt. Thomes stated that he had contacted Bruce Pinske, who informed him that a variance would be needed, but didn't foresee any problems with the request.

Battcher commented that she would like to see the outfield at the Sportman's Park redone.

It was noted that the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 19th at 7:00 p.m.

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

Vice Chairman Robert Thomes

Chairman Alan Ihrke