

# ***Arlington Park Committee***

## ***Meeting Minutes***

March 19, 2009

### **I. Call to order**

**Chairman Ihrke** called to order the regular meeting of the **Arlington Park Committee** at **7:00 PM** on **March 19, 2009** in the **Council Chambers**.

### **II. Roll call**

The following persons were present: Chairman Ihrke, Vice Chairman B. Thomes, Councilmember Pederson, Hultgren, Kassermann, and Battcher. Also present, Mayor Kreft and Consultant Smith-Strack.

### **III. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

A motion to approve the minutes from 2/18/2009 was made by B. Thomes and seconded by Hultgren. The minutes were approved as read.

### **IV. Sportsman's Park**

A list of Short term and Long term goals for the park were listed; they are as follows in no particular order:

#### **SHORT TERM GOALS:**

1. Mulch playground surface.
2. Develop primitive campsites (tent, not RV/Camper) east and south of the creek. Include fire rings, picnic tables, & grills. We will need to develop a policy for use and patrol.
3. Investigate restrictions potentially attached to donation agreement between Sportsman's Club and City.
4. Remove playground equipment that doesn't look adequate, specifically the merry-go-round and the metal slide.
5. Fix up horseshoe pits.
6. Fix up frisbee golf.
7. Resolve issues relating to water: who has access to, is quality good, etc.
8. Add signage – directional signage to/within park and notice of no motorized vehicles in park.
9. Investigate cosmetic improvements for shelter/structures.
10. Add red rock to the parking lot.
11. Provide garbage receptacles/contract for disposal of trash.
12. Annex property.
13. Bring back "Woodticks"
14. Ask building official to check structures & integrity of structures.

#### **LONG TERM GOALS:**

1. Move concession stand.
2. Consider park lighting (general lighting & specific facility lighting).
3. Repair ballfield fence.
4. Update/replace bleachers.
5. Build new or redesign existing shelter(s).
6. Consider how to minimize vandalism and/or nuisance behavior.
7. Restore potential to fish in High Island Creek during some parts of the year.

8. Keep what is already at the park updated & repaired: provide for maintenance in annual budget.
9. Install rain garden and/or pursue restoration of wetland/hydric soils that are north of the creek (former ponding area/holding are for fish).
10. Install a bridge.
11. Install nature trails in the area west and north of the creek.
12. Retain & identify best management practices for wooded areas and streambank west and north of the creek.
13. Consider streambank maintenance east/south of the creek (e.g. placement of buffer strip with prairie vegetation vs. manicured lawn).
14. Add opportunity for canoe or kayak access to the creek.
15. Add permanent restroom and shower facilities (similar to ones in regional/state parks).
16. Connect the nature trails at Sportsman's Park to town via trail.

Cynthia to gather information from the DNR, Forester (woodland plan), Fisheries, Hydrologist (flood plan areas), and High Island Implantation.

A pubic meeting scheduled for May17th to share our long and short term goals with the community.

#### **V. Tree City**

Arlington has been approved as a Tree City. Hope to receive signage by Arbor Day.

#### **VI. Adjournment**

**Chairman Irhke** adjourned the meeting at **8:30 PM**.

Minutes submitted by: Michelle Battcher, sec.

Minutes approved by: