

Arlington Park Committee

Meeting Minutes

September 16, 2009

I. Call to order

Chairman Ihrke called to order the regular meeting of the Arlington Park Committee at 7:00 PM on September 16, 2009 in the Council Chambers.

II. Roll Call

The following persons were present: Chairman Ihrke, Vice Chairman B. Thomes, Council member Pederson, Supt. Thomes, Hultgren, and Kaesermann. Also present: Mayor Kreft and Consultant Smith-Strack.

III. Approval of the Agenda

IV. Approval of Minutes

The minutes were approved from July 15, 2009 meeting; motion by Supt. Thomes and seconded by Hultgren.

V. Summary Report/Observations from Walkability Survey

Twenty participants were present at the Walkable Community Workshop on Wednesday, August 19, 2009. Overall, the participants agreed that the session was useful for the community, and hoped to see improvements in the near future. Cynthia Smith-Strack agreed to put a report together to help the Park Board decide on what to do next in the process. We possibly may be able to find a grant for this project, which focuses on safer routes to school.

VI. Estimates for Frenzel Park Shelter

Supt. Thomes presented the estimate for the Frenzel Park Shelter from CMC Construction, Inc. There is park dedication money available for this project. A motion made by B. Thomes, seconded by Hultgren, to further this project and begin building with park dedication money. Discussion was held on publicizing the bid to receive other bids or to keep the original contractors. It was concluded that the city council would decide.

VII. Sportsman's Park

Received the quote for repairing the pole building and concession stand at Sportsman's Park. The price includes materials for tying in rafters, bracing, and a new roof. A discussion was held about when to start the repairs, and it was decided that next spring would be more likely.

The following projects were also discussed: bathrooms, playground equipment, trails, and a bridge. The Lyons Club was also interested in donating money to the improvement of Sportsman's Park.

VIII. Other Business

The Garden Club asked the Park Board to put in new shrubs around the gazebo in front of the hospital. It was agreed that this was fine.

Concerned citizens have been writing to the city about dogs on the playgrounds and disposal of waste. Discussion was held on having more signs. This issue would be brought up to the city council.

IX. Next Regular Meeting

Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 21, 2009 at 7:00 PM.

X. Adjournment

Chairman Ihrke adjourned the meeting.

Minutes submitted by: Lesley Kaesermann