

**MINUTES
PARK BOARD MEETING
MAY 19, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Archer, Lee, Kennedy, Lombardi, Nasvik, Peterson, Swisher; Town Board Liaison: Ruzek; Public Works Director: Reed; Planner: Riedesel.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Additions / Deletions): Kennedy moved approval of the agenda with the following amendment: Add Item 9A) July Meeting/Park Tour. Lee seconded. Ayes all.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 17, 2016 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES & APRIL 12, 2016 JOINT EDAB/PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES: Lee moved approval of the March 17, 2016 Meeting Minutes. Kennedy seconded. Ayes all.

Lee moved approval of the April 12, 2016 Joint EDAB/Park Board Meeting Minutes. Kennedy seconded. Ayes all.

EAGLE PARK UPGRADE: The Planner noted that on May 10, 2016, the Town received and opened bids for upgrades to the playground at Eagle Park. A budget of \$66,000 was identified and four proposals were received. The proposals included:

1. **Northland Recreation:** They use Little Tikes components. The proposal includes the Little Tikes Custom Kid Builder Playstructure and includes a four unit swing, wobble sphere, stand and spin, and NRG unit. Also included are two benches, the removal and installation, wood fiber, curbing and side walk and concrete pads for the exercise equipment. Three adult exercise components are also proposed. The total bid cost is \$66,000. Mike Dorsey, Northland Recreation reviewed the play equipment included in their proposal. He reported that the play equipment is vinyl coated steel. They provide 12 play components and have a lower slide for smaller kids. They provide a higher hypersonic slide for larger kids. They also provide a 3D rock challenge; 2 spinners; trace ring for upper strength; two climbers; swing belt; three pieces of exercise equipment similar to those at Deer Meadow Park (chest press, leg press, air walker). All their equipment is ADA accessible.

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2. **St. Croix Recreation:** They provided three proposals. **Option #1:** Utilizes Themed Concept and Burke play equipment. The Themed Concept pieces include: two classic rocks #25 and #11, log steps, log tunnel; branch beam and roofed platform structure which includes stairs, slide, net and branch climb and sliding pole. The Burke pieces include a two seat rocker, 3 place swing and Comet II. Two Wabash Valley benches are proposed with all three options.

Option 2: This option proposes a combination of Themed Concepts and Burke equipment. This option also proposes the two set rocker, Comet II, and 3 place swing set. The Themed Concepts pieces include a post net, log steps, fallen steady log, Classic Rock #25, standing logs, net climber and stairs, 6 slide and single post treehouse.

Option 3: This option has all Burke components which include: 3 place swing set, a Comet II, Orbitron, 2 set rocker and multi-use structure which includes offset enclosure, platforms, 4 rope climbers, 3 other climbers, two slides, plexus overhead.

All three of the St. Croix Recreation options include: removal and installation, surfacing, curbing and sidewalks. Two exercise components are also proposed. One component is an air walker and the other is a chest/leg combo. Both are Xccent components. All three of the St. Croix Recreation proposals are priced at \$66,000.

Mike Basich, St. Croix Recreation reviewed each of their components. He reported that they use a mix of traditional and non-traditional format. He reported that they have added the spinning activity. The Comet is set on an axle and is open. The equipment is intergenerational pieces for ages from 2 – 12 years. There is a 48” high slide; ladder climber; net climber. Their options offer free open play. There are two pieces of exercise equipment (arm and leg press). He reported that all their equipment is ADA accessible.

Mike Basich reported that the Themed Concept option provides a tree house and club house look using concrete and recycled lumber. The play equipment includes a teeter totter; Comet, swings, free climbing rocks; crawl tunnel.

The Planner reported that Irene and Julia Bakke, the young sisters who attended the January Park Board Meeting and who provided input were shown the options and their choice was the St. Croix Recreation 3rd option with Burke components 1st and the Northland Recreation option 2nd. They felt that the Themed Concept components were for smaller kids.

A question was asked if components could be traded out, such as the small slide. Mike Basich stated that components can be traded. There was discussion regarding the

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bench. It was the consensus that the single length bench is more practical than the split length bench.

After review and discussion it was the consensus that the St. Croix Recreation proposal with Burke equipment would be best suited for Eagle Park.

Swisher moved to recommend to the Town Board to approve the proposal for playground equipment as provided by St. Croix Recreation, Option 3 with Burke equipment and the Planner to work with St. Croix Recreation in trading out the small slide and to trade out one swing for a handicap swing, noting that \$66,000 was budgeted and approved for this upgrade. Kennedy seconded. Ayes: Swisher, Kennedy, Archer, Peterson, Lee, Lombardi. Abstain: Nasvik (due to his association with Themed Concepts).

TOWNSHIP DAY / MOVIE IN THE PARK: **Township Day:** **Intermission:** The following intermission acts have been confirmed: 1) White Bear Dance; 2) Lakeshore Players; 3) Karate Demo – Sun Yi. The White Bear Drum Line is still looking at their schedule to see if they would be available. **Special Features Contacted and Confirmed:** All Around Fun Inflatables; Petting Zoo; Public Safety; Archery; Tamarack; Fire Works. **Other Features:** Nascar is not available that day. Video Arcade Truck: This is a 16 people semi-trailer truck. They charge \$100 per hour but the Township could charge as well. **Human Hamster Balls:** “Totally Knocked” are available and would charge \$3.00 - \$5.00. They would split with the Township. This idea was well received. Deb Stender will see if they can bring a hamster ball to a Park Board Meeting for demo. **Shooting Gallery:** This is old time target shooting. This goes to all demographics and would attract older kids. They will be at MarketFest and will donate the proceeds to local charity. **Mini-Golf:** Too expensive! **Military:** Deb Stender will contact military/reserves for an honor guard. **Signage:** Deb Stender is working on the billboard concept. **Yard Signs:** It was the consensus that signs are needed. Deb Stender will get a quote on 25 – 50 signs. **Vendors:** As of May 11, 2016 there are 15 vendors signed up. Deb Stender will blast MarketFest vendors when the event starts. She has reached out to the VFW and Legion and they will talk. **Sponsorship/Silent Auction:** Deb Stender needs the EDAB’s assistance in getting information for businesses. It was the consensus that it is important that the EDAB know that the Park Board is really interested in their help with this. It was the consensus that Archer, Park Board Chair send a letter to the EDAB Chair regarding their help with business contact information for sponsorships.

Nasvik moved to recommend to the Town Board to authorize the Park Board Chair to send a letter to the EDAB Chair regarding their assistance in obtaining contact information for sponsorships. Kennedy seconded. Ayes all.

Movie in the Park: Twilight Zone Outdoor Cinema Services will be utilizing Polar Lakes Park area and parking lot to conduct training for their staff from approximately 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. in exchange for setting up and using their screen and sound for a movie in the park. Daryl’s Dogs, a food truck will be available for the movie participants

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in the park. Deb Stender will sell small glow sticks. Advertising will be placed in the White Bear Press, News and Views, and the Town's website. Sprinklers and Porta Potties have been scheduled with the Public Works Department.

POLAR LAKES PARK: This topic will continue to be on the meeting agenda for discussion each month.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR REPORT: Polar Lakes Baseball Field Rehabilitation

Options: The Polar Lakes Park baseball fields have had drainage issues since its construction over 10 years ago. Work has been completed to address both the grass infields and outfields of fields #1 and #3 and the drain tile installation in both of the grass areas has greatly improved playability. Staff is now investigating options to the ag lime portion of the infields. The existing ag lime that was installed in all four fields provides substandard playing conditions after a moderate rain fall. That combined with poor drainage subsoils under the 6"-7" of ag lime has deterred baseball associations from committing to playing at the Town's complex on a regular schedule since the fields do not recover quickly from a moderate rainfall prior to a scheduled game. The Public Works Director has consulted with Professional Turf and Restoration regarding options for each of the fields. Options were discussed with John Hopko of Professional Turf and Restoration, an athletic field renovation expert. He provided a couple of options for fields #2 and #4. Both options include grass baselines between home plate and 1st bases and 3rd and home late. Option #1 would have ag lime between 1st, 2nd, and 3rd bases and around home plate. Option #2 would have ag lime surrounding home plate, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd bases with no ag lime between them. The estimate to add irrigation, prepare the ag lime and seed the grass infields would be \$10,000.00 per field. The grass infields would have turf similar to the warnings tracks at fields at #1 and #3. Both fields, if converted to 75' baseball fields would need to have pitching mounds constructed at an estimated cost of \$5,000.00 per mound. The seeding of the warning tracks is estimated at \$500 per field. The estimated total expenditure per field is \$15,000.00 which includes irrigation.

If the Park Board supports the field renovations staff would need to discuss with Jon Anderson, White Bear Lake School District Recreation and Facility Coordinator, who schedules the Township athletic fields for use, to see if these proposals would meet the baseball association's approval. Once approval has been received, the Town could get quotes for the work from the various ballfield renovation contractors to bring to the Town Board for approval.

Nasvik moved to carry over the Polar Lakes Park baseball field rehabilitation options to allow time for the Public Works Director to get reactions from the baseball association regarding baseball field rehabilitation options for the ball fields at Polar Lakes Park. Kennedy seconded.

Town Hall: The contractor will be here next week to finish out items. The site is being stabilized and the grading needs to be finished. **Park Projects: Eagle Park**

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Improvements: Upgrade planning is in process. **Longville Park:** Tennis court rehabilitation. The fencing has been removed. Soft spots have been found. Paving of the courts will be done next week. Color will be added 30 days after paving. **Handicap Access:** Handicap access improvements are being made at various parks. **Polar Lakes Park Flagpole Area:** Mulch has been placed around the flagpole. **Bellaire Beach:** The CIP has major improvements identified for Bellaire Beach next year. Benches have been placed at Bellaire Beach.

COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP- CHAIR/VICE CHAIR: **Chair:** Lee moved to recommend to the Town Board to appoint Charles (Chuck) Archer, 5343 Eagle Street as Chair of the Park Board for the coming year. Peterson seconded. Ayes all.

Vice Chair: Swisher moved to recommend to the Town Board to appoint Scott Lombardi, 5471 Franklin Avenue, as Vice Chair of the Park Board for the coming year. Nasvik seconded. Ayes all.

JULY MEETING / PARK TOUR: The July Park Board Meeting and annual tour is scheduled for Thursday, July 21, 2016. Archer reported that he cannot be at the meeting or tour and asked if anyone else had a problem with that date and if so, should the meeting and tour be rescheduled. There did not appear to be any conflicts.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joan J. Clemens
Recording Secretary