

MINNEAPOLIS PARK AND RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board

March 7, 2007

5:00 p.m. – 2117 West River Road

President Olson called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Walt Dziedzic, Carol Kummer, Mary Merrill Anderson, Tracy Nordstrom, Tom Nordyke, Scott Vreeland, Annie Young and President Jon Olson - 8.

Absent: Commissioner Bob Fine - 1.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Nordyke moved, seconded by Commissioner Merrill Anderson –

THAT THE AGENDA, AS AMENDED, BE APPROVED.

Action Taken: Approved on a voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Vreeland moved, seconded by Commissioner Kummer –

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 21, 2007 REGULAR MEETING BE APPROVED.

Action Taken: Approved on a voice vote.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Lakes District Manager Hokeness, Minnehaha District Manager Kilpatrick and River District Manager Oyanagi updated the Board on projects and events taking place in each of their districts.

CONSENT BUSINESS

Commissioner Vreeland moved, seconded by Commissioner Young –

2.1 THAT THE BOARD APPROVE AN INCREASE TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT NO. 23889 WITH SANDERS WACKER BERGLY INC., TO PROVIDE DESIGN SERVICES FOR RENOVATION OF THE

WABUN PICNIC AREA IN MINNEHAHA PARK OF \$18,250 FOR A NEW AGREEMENT TOTAL OF \$121,910.00 (budgeted funds are available).

- 2.2 THAT THE BOARD AUTHORIZE THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA CONTRACT NO. 436897 WITH ASPEN EQUIPMENT COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$182,508.00 TO FURNISH AND DELIVER FOUR (4) WOOD CHIPPERS, ALL IN ACCORDANCE WITH CONTRACT TERMS (budgeted funds available within Equipment Replacement Fund.).
- 2.3 THAT THE BOARD AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA CONTRACT NO. M-436939 WITH MTI DISTRIBUTING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$571,370.00 FOR FURNISHING AND DELIVERING 21 COMMERCIAL RIDING LAWN MOWERS, ALL IN ACCORDANCE WITH CONTRACT TERMS (budgeted funds available within Equipment Replacement Fund).

Action Taken: Approved on a voice vote.

It was moved and seconded –

- 2.4 THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE ADDITION OF THE POSITION OF APPRENTICE CARPENTER TO THE SALARY SCHEDULE OF THE SKILLED TRADES AT MPRB.

Following a lengthy discussion, President Olson called the question and asked the Secretary to Call the Roll.

Action Taken: Approved on a Roll Call Vote (AYES: Commissioners Dzedzic, Merrill Anderson, Kummer, Nordstrom, Nordyke, Vreeland and Young – 8; NAYS: None. ABSENT: Commissioner Fine – 1.)

It was moved and seconded -

- 2.5 THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE SALARY INCREASES FOR THE GROUP OF EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS, LOCAL #292.

President Olson called the question and asked the Secretary to Call the Roll.

Action Taken: Approved on a Roll Call Vote (AYES: Commissioners Dzedzic, Merrill Anderson, Kummer, Nordstrom, Nordyke, Vreeland and Young – 8; NAYS: None. ABSENT: Commissioner Fine – 1.)

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Commissioner B. Fine, Chair; Commissioners C. Kummer,

W. Dziedzic, A. Young and T. Nordstrom

Commissioner Kummer moved, seconded by Commissioner Vreeland –

- 4.1 THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE SCHEMATIC DESIGN FOR SITE IMPROVEMENTS AT VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK.

Commissioner Young offered a substitute motion –

THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE SCHEMATIC DESIGN FOR SITE IMPROVEMENTS AT TO BE NAMED PARK.

Commissioner Vreeland offered a substitute motion which was seconded by Commissioner Dziedzic –

THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE SCHEMATIC DESIGN FOR SITE IMPROVEMENTS AT PARK CURRENTLY REFERRED TO AS SHERIDAN MEMORIAL PARK AT WATER STREET.

Action Taken: Approved on a voice vote.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Commissioner M. Merrill Anderson, Chair; Commissioners T. Nordyke,
B. Fine, C. Kummer and S. Vreeland

Commissioner Merrill Anderson moved, the motion was seconded –

- 7.1 THAT THE BOARD APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH PEOPLE FOR PARKS, A PUBLIC NON PROFIT CORPORATION, EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 21, 2007.

Action Taken: Approved on a voice vote.

The time being 6:00 p.m., President Olson recessed the Regular Meeting for the purpose of conducting “Open Time”.

OPEN TIME

Liz Wielinski addressed the Board regarding Sunshine Week.

Edna Brazaitis also addressed the Board regarding Sunshine Week and stated she would be back before the Board at their next meeting to report on the status of her Requests for Public Data.

The time being 6:08 p.m., President Olson reconvened the Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Merrill Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Vreeland -

- 7.2 THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE 2007 PROPOSED GOLF RATES AND POLICY CHANGES.

Commissioner Dziedzic offered a substitute motion that was seconded by Commissioner Young –

THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE 2007 PROPOSED GOLF RATES WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ALL SENIOR AND YOUTH NON-RESIDENT/RESIDENT RATES WHICH WILL REMAIN THE SAME FOR 2007 WHICH WILL BE EVALUATED BY STAFF AND A REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE 2007 GOLF SEASON.

Following discussion, the question was called.

Action Taken: Approved on a voice vote.

Commissioner Merrill Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Nordyke –

- 7.3 THAT THE BOARD INTRODUCE AND GIVE FIRST READING TO ORDINANCE 2007-101, CAPTIONED AS FOLLOWS:

ORDINANCE 2007-101

AMENDING CHAPTER 2 OF THE PARK AND RECREATION BOARD CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING TO CONDUCT

President Olson called the question and asked the Secretary to Call the Roll.

Action Taken: Approved on a Roll Call Vote (AYES: Commissioners Dziedzic, Merrill Anderson, Kummer, Nordstrom, Nordyke, Vreeland and Young – 8; NAYS: None. ABSENT: Commissioner Fine – 1.)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no “Unfinished Business” to be heard.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no “New Business” to be heard.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioners reported on communications received and activities that have taken place since the February 21, 2007 Regular Meeting. Copies of communications submitted are made part of the Board's permanent record.

- 1.1 Emails dated February 22, 2007 submitted by Commissioners Fine and Nordstrom from numerous people complimenting the Park Board's support for and work in creating good cross country ski trails in the city.

PLACED ON FILE

- 1.2 Email submitted by Commissioner Nordstrom from Harvey Ettinger, East Isles Residents Association, thanking Paul Hokeness for presentation regarding Park Board activities at their recent meeting.

PLACED ON FILE

Following discussion regarding the City Council looking at eliminating the Board of Estimate and Taxation, Commissioner Nordyke moved, seconded by Commissioner Nordstrom -

THAT THE CITY COUNCIL NOT TAKE ACTION ON THE BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION ITEM BUT INSTEAD REQUEST THAT THEY MEET WITH MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION AND MEMBERS OF THE MINNEAPOLIS PARK AND RECREATION BOARD TO EXPLORE WAYS TO MOVE AHEAD TOGETHER.

Action Taken: Approved on a Voice Vote.

ADJOURNMENT

The time being 6:59 p.m. Commissioner Nordyke moved, seconded by Commissioner Nordstrom –

THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED.

Action Taken: Approved on a Voice Vote.

Regular Meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.