

MINNEAPOLIS PARK AND RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board

June 20, 2007

5:00 p.m. – 2117 West River Road

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Walt Dziedzic, Bob Fine, Carol Kummer, Mary Merrill Anderson, Tracy Nordstrom, Tom Nordyke, Scott Vreeland, Annie Young and President Jon Olson - 9.

Absent: None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Nordstrom moved, seconded by Commissioner Vreeland –

THAT THE AGENDA, AS AMENDED, BE APPROVED.

Action Taken: Approved on a voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Fine moved, seconded by Commissioner Nordstrom –

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 6, 2007 REGULAR MEETING BE APPROVED.

Action Taken: Approved on a voice vote.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Superintendent Gurban discussed his Monthly Superintendent's Report for May 2007. A copy of the report is made part of the Board record.

General Manager Siggelkow reported on Jim Lupient Day at the Lupient Water Park on Saturday, July 21, 2007.

General Manager Schmidt reported on the Minnesota Viking Gridiron Gallop held on Father's Day. A short PowerPoint presentation was included with the report.

Chief Johnson gave his monthly Public Safety Report. He responded to questions from the Board.

CONSENT BUSINESS

Commissioner Vreeland moved, seconded by Commissioner Merrill Anderson –

- 2.1 THAT THE BOARD APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO MEYER CONTRACTING, INC., CONTRACT NO. 23662, FOR LAKE OF THE ISLES NORTH SHORELINE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$89,409.30 FOR A NEW CONTRACT TOTAL OF \$1,087,644.40 (PROJECT FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE FOR INCREASE).
- 2.2 THAT THE BOARD APPROVE FINAL PAYMENT TO MACDONALD & MACK ARCHITECTS LTD, CONTRACT NO. 17089, FOR DESIGN OF CONSERVATION AND PRESERVATION WORK AT MILL RUINS PARK, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$0.00.
- 2.3 THAT THE BOARD APPROVE FINAL PAYMENT TO BERG CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, INC., CONTRACT NO. 24336, FOR REPAIR OF THE FIRE-DAMAGED NORTH MISSISSIPPI PARK TOILET SHELTER BUILDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100.00 (ENCUMBERED FUNDS ARE SUFFICIENT TO COVER THIS PAYMENT).
- 2.4 THAT THE BOARD AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF LOW BID OF UPPER MIDWEST ATHLETIC CONSTRUCTION, O.P. NO. 6808, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$78,211.00 TO FURNISH AND DELIVER ALL LABOR, MATERIALS, EQUIPMENT AND INCIDENTALS NECESSARY TO COMPLETE 2007 REHABILITATION OF TENNIS COURTS AND HARD SURFACES, ALL IN ACCORDANCE WITH SPECIFICATIONS.
- 2.6 THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE NRP FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS FOR CALHOUN AREA RESIDENTS ACTION GROUP TO FUND THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN OUTDOOR SMALL PERFORMANCE SPACE AT BRYANT SQUARE PARK IN THE AMOUNT \$60,000.00.

Action Taken: Approved on a voice vote.

Commissioner Fine moved, seconded by Commissioner Vreeland –

- 2.5 THAT THE BOARD AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF THE LOW BIDS, O.P. NO. 6810, FOR FURNISHING AND DELIVERING VARIOUS TYPES OF LUMBER, HARDWOODS, SOFTWOODS AND PLYWOOD AS NEEDED AND CALLED FOR DURING THE PERIOD JULY 2, 2007 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2008, ALL IN ACCORDANCE WITH SPECIFICATIONS, AS FOLLOWS:

SCHERER BROTHERS LUMBER	EST. EXP.	\$100,000.00
SIWEK LUMBER AND MILLWORKS	EST. EXP.	15,000.00
SHAW/STEWART LUMBER	EST. EXP.	25,000.00
HARDWOOD SUPPLY, LLC	EST. EXP.	20,000.00

Action Taken: Approved on a voice vote.

PRESENTATION

Dan Brevia, Minnesota Recreation and Park Association, presented Mary Lynn Pulscher with the MRPA's Award of Excellence for the Dig In Program at Mill Ruins Park.

Nick Eloff presented the Board with the Federal Highway Administration's 2007 Award of Excellence for Excellence in Scenic Byways: Grand rounds Wayfinding Program.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Commissioner B. Fine, Chair; Commissioners C. Kummer,
W. Dziedzic, A. Young and T. Nordstrom

Commissioner Fine moved, seconded by Commissioner Young -

- 4.1 THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE SCHEMATIC DESIGN FOR THE BRYANT SQUARE OUTDOOR PUBLIC PERFORMANCE SPACE.
- 4.2 THAT THE BOARD FORMALLY NAME THE PARK LOCATED ON THE EAST BANK OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER BETWEEN BROADWAY AND THE BURLINGTON NORTHERN SANTA FE RAILROAD BRIDGE SHERIDAN MEMORIAL PARK.

Commissioner Vreeland, referring to a letter the Board received from Counsel, stated for the record that the Board was naming Sheridan Memorial Park after the Sheridan Neighborhood, not after General Sheridan. A copy of the letter from Brian Rice, Board Counsel, is made part of the Board record.

Action Taken: Approved on a voice vote. (Nurdyke abstained on 4.1 and 4.2.)

Commissioner Fine moved, seconded by Commissioner Vreeland –

- 4.3 THAT THE BOARD INTRODUCE AND GIVE FIRST READING TO ORDINANCE 2007-103, CAPTIONED AS FOLLOWS:

ORDINANCE 2007-103

AMENDING THE MINNEAPOLIS PARK AND RECREATION BOARD CODE OF ORDINANCES BY CREATING A NEW CHAPTER 14 REQUIRING THE DEDICATION OF LAND, OR PAYMENT OF CASH IN LIEU OF A LAND DEDICATION, WHEN DEVELOPING OR REDEVELOPING PARCELS OF LAND FOR RESIDENTIAL HOUSING WHICH WILL INCREASE THE NUMBER OF HOUSING UNITS ON THAT PARCEL OF LAND, AND ESTABLISHING THE POLICY AND PROCEDURES FOR THESE NEW REQUIREMENTS.

Mike Kimble presented a letter of from the Above The Falls Citizen Advisory Committee supporting the ordinance and asking for the Board to consider including commercial properties. A copy of the letter is made part of the Board record.

Action Taken: Approved on a voice vote. (Nordyke abstained)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Commissioner Vreeland moved, seconded by Commissioner Nordstrom –

- 8.1 THAT THE BOARD ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2007-110, CAPTIONED AS FOLLOWS:

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-110

ENTERING INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH
THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
TO MANAGE THE GROWTH OF EURASIAN WATERMILFOIL

Action Taken: Approved on a Roll Call Vote (AYES: Commissioners Dzedzic, Fine, Kummer, Merrill Anderson, Nordstrom, Nordyke, Vreeland, Young and President Olson – 9; NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.)

Commissioner Kummer moved, seconded by Commissioner Young –

- 8.3 THAT THE BOARD ASSENT TO THE GUTHRIE THEATER REGISTRATION OF LAND.

Action Taken: Approved on a Roll Call Vote (AYES: Commissioners Dzedzic, Fine, Kummer, Merrill Anderson, Nordstrom, Nordyke, Vreeland, Young and President Olson – 9; NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.)

Commissioner Merrill Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Nordyke –

- 8.2 THAT THE BOARD AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT TO SUBMIT THE GRAND ROUNDS SCENIC BYWAY, HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTERS, REGIONAL PARK PLAYGROUNDS, FATHER HENNEPIN REGIONAL PARK AND THEODORE WIRTH REGIONAL PARK PROJECTS, FOR A TOTAL OF \$19,200,000 TO THE STATE OF MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE FOR THE 2008 BONDING SESSION.

Following discussion, Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Young -

TO AMEND THE THEODORE WIRTH REGIONAL PARK PROJECTS TO INCLUDE THE J.D. RIVERS CHILDREN'S GARDEN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1.5 MILLION.

Action Taken: Amendment Approved on a Voice Vote.

Commissioner Nordyke moved, seconded by Commissioner Vreeland –

TO AMEND THE GRAND ROUNDS SCENIC BYWAY PROJECT TO INCLUDE PARKWAY RECONSTRUCTION.

Action Taken: Approved on a Voice Vote.

Commissioner Kummer moved, seconded by Commissioner Nordyke –

TO AMEND THE PRIORITY OF THE PROJECTS, MAKING HEALTH & WELLNESS CENTERS THE 5TH PRIORITY.

Action Taken: Approved on a Voice Vote (Commissioners Vreeland and Young voted no).

Being no further discussion, President Olson called the question on the main motion, as amended.

8.2 THAT THE BOARD AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT TO SUBMIT THE GRAND ROUNDS SCENIC BYWAY, REGIONAL PARK PLAYGROUNDS, FATHER HENNEPIN REGIONAL PARK, THEODORE WIRTH REGIONAL PARK PROJECTS AND HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTERS, FOR A TOTAL OF \$20,700,000 TO THE STATE OF MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE FOR THE 2008 BONDING SESSION.

Action Taken: Approved on a Voice Vote.**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 June 6, 2007 Regular Meeting. Copies of communications submitted are made part of the Board’s permanent record.

- 1.1 Letter dated May 23, 2007 to Ralph Sievert from Professor Gary Johnson, Urban and Community Forestry, University of Minnesota, thanking him on behalf of the Minnesota Shade Tree Advisory committee for his presentation at their monthly forum in March.

PLACED ON FILE

- 1.2 Letter dated June 1, 2007 to Jim Hermann from Professor Gary Johnson, Urban and Community Forestry, University of Minnesota, thanking him for his help with the University Department of Forest Resources, the Shade Tree Short Course and the MnSTAC monthly forum series.

PLACED ON FILE

- 1.3 Memo dated June 11, 2007 to Lobbyist Brian Rice from Superintendent Gurban regarding an article that appeared on the front page of the Twin Cities section of the Minneapolis StarTribune on Saturday, June 9, 2007. Under the heading of "No More Teachers, No More Books" are photos of kids from Denver, Prior Lake and Mendota Heights enjoying the Lake Harriet area.

PLACED ON FILE

- 1.4 Letter dated June 1, 2007 to Commissioner Nordstrom from H. Schoonover, 24xx Colfax Avenue South, regarding stolen boulevard trees.

PLACED ON FILE**ADJOURNMENT**

The time being 6:59 p.m. Commissioner Merrill Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Kummer –

THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED.

Action Taken: Approved on a Voice Vote.

Regular Meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.