

MINNEAPOLIS PARK AND RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES

As Amended in
Regular Meeting
October 5, 2005

ACTIONS TAKEN

Regular Meeting of the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board

September 21, 2005
4:30 p.m. – 2117 West River Road

President Olson called the meeting to order at 4:52 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Walt Dziejcz, John Erwin (arrived at 5:05 p.m.), Bob Fine, Marie Hauser, Carol Kummer, Annie Young, and President Jon Olson.

Absent: Commissioners Rochelle Berry Graves and Vivian Mason.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

President Olson announced that the Board was in Executive Session for the purpose of holding a discussion on pending Workers' Compensation Litigation.

Following discussion, President Olson closed the Executive Session and as for a motion to approve the agenda.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Dziejcz moved, seconded by Commissioner Fine –

THAT THE AGENDA, AS AMENDED TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL "OPEN TIME" SPEAKERS, BE AMENDED.

Action Taken: Approved on a voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Fine moved, seconded by Commissioner Young –

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 7, 2005 REGULAR MEETING BE APPROVED, AS WRITTEN.

Action Taken: Approved on a voice vote.

REPORTES OF OFFICERS

Superintendent Gurban gave his monthly Superintendent's Activity Report for August 2005.

General Manager Schmidt reported on the Teen Volunteer Recognition Banquet on September 22, 2005 and the Bob Casey Field Dedication on September 28, 2005

General Manager Siggelkow introduced Dawn Sommers, the new Park Board Public Information Officer. Ms. Sommers addressed the Board.

General Manager Siggelkow reported that the Teamsters have ratified their contract and it would be coming before the Board in October.

Lt. Goodsell reported on the Park Police's motorcycle unit.

CONSENT BUSINESS

Commissioner Young moved, seconded by Commissioner Fine -

- 2.1 THAT THE BOARD APPROVE FINAL PAYMENT TO MEYER CONTRACTING INC., CONTRACT NO. PG21003, FOR RIVER FLATS IMPROVEMENTS (WATER LINE AND SEWAGE TANK AT BOHEMIAN FLATS) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,037.00.

Action Taken: Approved on a Voice Vote

Commissioner Young moved, seconded by Commissioner Fine -

- 2.2 THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE NEGOTIATED FULL, FINAL AND COMPLETE SETTLEMENT, TO CLOSE ALL WORKERS COMPENSATION CLAIMS BY CHRISTOPHER CAVANAUGH FOR THE WORK INJURIES SUSTAINED WHILE WORKING FOR THE MINNEAPOLIS PARK AND RECREATION BOARD. THIS SETTLEMENT ALSO INCLUDES A WAIVER OF EMPLOYMENT CLAIMS, RESIGNATION WITH NO RE-EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS, A CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT, AND ATTORNEY'S FEES.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

PLANNING COMMITTEE: Commissioners B. Fine, Chair; J. Erwin, W. Dzedzic, M. Hauser, and A. Young

Commissioner Fine moved, seconded by Commissioner Fine -

- 4.1 THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE SCHEMATIC DESIGN FOR PHASE I, WEST BANK OF ABOVE THE FALLS – A MASTER PLAN FOR THE UPPER RIVER IN MINNEAPOLIS, PLYMOUTH AVENUE TO THE BNSF RAILROAD BRIDGE.

Action Taken: Approved on a Voice Vote

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE COMMITTEE Commissioners M. Hauser, Chair, W. Dzedzic, V. Mason, A. Young, and R. Berry Graves

Commissioner Hauser moved, seconded by Commissioner Erwin –

- 7.1 THAT THE BOARD AUTHORIZE AN INCREASE IN O.P. 6412 FOR FERTILIZERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000.00 FOR A NEW TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE OF \$115,000.00.

Action Taken: Approved on a Voice Vote (Commissioner Kummer voted no)/

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no “New Business” to be heard.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Fine moved, seconded by Commissioner Hauser –

- 9.1 THAT THE BOARD ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2005-112, CAPTIONED AS FOLLOWS:

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-112

SUPPORTING THE GRANT PROGRAM FUNDING APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR THE PURPOSE OF SHORELAND RESTORATION AT LAKE HIAWATHA

Action Taken: Approved on a Roll Call Vote (AYES: Dzedzic, Erwin, Fine, Hauser, Kummer, Young and Olson. ABSENT: Berry Graves and Mason.)

Commissioner Young moved to reconsider 7.1 following the Operations and Environment Committee report item. Commissioner Kummer seconded the motion to reconsider.

Following discussion and staff explanation, Commissioner Young pulled her motion to reconsider.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- 1.1 Letter to Ralph Sievert from Don Colston, 5708 – 14th Avenue South, congratulating him and his staff for doing a good job in a timely manner.

PLACED ON FILE

- 1.2 Letter dated September 9, 2005, to Superintendent Gurban from William Turner and Michael Claussen, F.A. Gross Men's Club, commending the outstanding work of Rick Grannes and his grounds crew in bringing the golf course back from the disastrous conditions of early spring and summer.

PLACED ON FILE

Commissioners reported on communications received and activities that have taken place since the September 7, 2005 Regular Meeting. Copies of communications submitted are made part of the Board's permanent record.

RECESS

The time being 5:48 p.m., President Olson recessed the Regular Meeting in order to convene the Recreation Committee.

RECONVENE

The time being 6:01 p.m., President Olson reconvened the Regular Meeting for the purpose of conducting Open Time.

OPEN TIME

Liz Wielinski commented on the inclusion of staff reports with the agendas posted on the web site. She also addressed other issues related to getting information out to the public.

Steve Nelson commented on the composition of DeLaSalle Citizens Advisory Committee and his concern that a resident from the north side of Minneapolis was not appointed by the district commissioner.

ADJOURNMENT

The time being 6:07 p.m.. Commissioner Young moved, seconded by Commissioner Berry Graves –

THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED.

Action Taken: Approved on a Voice Vote.

Regular Meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.