

**MINUTES OF THE
MINNETONKA PARK BOARD
September 4, 2002**

1. Roll Call

Park Board Members: Diane Hayden, Paul Lehman, Bob McFarlin, Lanise Stufft, Steve Watkins, were present. Jim Calkins and Sue Woodrich were excused. Attending staff was Geralyn Barone, Jenny Garvey, Dave Johnson, Mike Pavelka, Ron Schwartz, Perry Vetter, and Marti Weseloh.

Chair Watkins called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

Hayden moved and Stufft seconded a motion to approve the Minutes of August 7, 2002. All voted "Yes". Motion carried.

3. Business Items

A.) Conduct Gray's Bay boat slip lottery

Chair Watkins introduced the item and welcomed those in attendance. Johnson provided a brief history of the process used for acquiring the property, developing the Operations & Business Plans, and construction of the new facility.

Pavelka explained how the lottery process would be conducted and asked if the Park Board or those in attendance had any questions. No questions were asked.

Watkins proceeded with selecting at random 15 applicants for 8-year slips, 14 applicants for 6-year slips, and an additional 20 applicants for the development of a waiting list for future allocation of spaces.

At the completion of the lottery, Watkins again asked if those in attendance had any questions. Brian Dufner, 4624 Church Lane, asked if those selected for the waiting list would be required to take a slip if one became available in mid-summer. Pavelka responded that the applicant would however the price would be pro-rated.

With no further questions asked, the lottery process was completed.

B.) Review of park plans for Sunrise Ridge Neighborhood Park

Schwartz provided an introduction and reminded the Park Board that the development of plans for a potential new park in the Sunrise Ridge neighborhood has been an ongoing process since 2000. He closed by saying

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that \$108,000 is included in the CIP for development of the park, with the funding source scheduled to be referendum dollars. Schwartz noted that due to uncertainties related to discussions with the County and State over land uses, the project had been previously slated for development in 2005, however with all issues now resolved, staff was recommending that the project be moved to 2003.

Schwartz presented a concept plan for the park, noting that the site would include a three -car parking lot, playground equipment for ages 2-12, a 300' trail loop, and 1/3 basketball court.

McFarlin asked if the Park would be impacted by the future planned expansion of the 494 interstate. Schwartz responded that MNDOT had indicated that the park and any improvements were compatible.

Hayden questioned what the surface would be for the trail that separates the play equipment for younger children for the equipment for older children. Project consultant Danny Nadeau indicated the surface would be a fall resistant surface used in playground areas.

McFarlin asked if residents were informed that referendum funding might also be used to develop new parks. Hayden indicated that during her work on the referendum, residents were informed that funding could be used to add parks where the POST Plan indicated a need existed. Barone confirmed this information.

Lehman questioned if bike traffic through the play equipment area might be a concern. Schwartz responded that staff would look at the design to determine how any bike traffic on the trail loop could be controlled when entering the playground area.

Watkins opened the discussion for resident comments and received none.

McFarlin moved and Lehman seconded a motion to approve the plan as presented by staff and recommend to the City Council completion of the project in 2003. All voted "Yes". Motion carried.

4. Park Board Member Reports

No Park Board reports were provided

5. Information Items

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In addition to the information included in the Park Board's packet, Johnson provided an update on Pioneer Park, informing the Board that the Council had approved the development agreement with Faith Presbyterian Church.

6. Upcoming Park Board Agenda Items

No additional items were added to the Park Board's 6-month upcoming schedule. Watkins noted that October business items would include a discussion with local school districts regarding field scheduling, an update on possible skateboarding facilities, and review of a draft Tree Preservation Ordinance.

7. Adjournment

Hayden moved and Lehman seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m. All voted "Yes". Motion carried.