

**MINUTES OF THE  
MINNETONKA PARK BOARD  
APRIL 6, 2005**

**1. Roll Call**

Park board members John Anderson, Bruce Gefvert, Tim Goodyear, Denny Lambert, Paul Lehman, Freinde Mills and Cathy Rude were present. Attending staff included Geralyn Barone, Dave Johnson, Mike Pavelka, and Craig Sinclair.

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

**2. Approval of Minutes- March 2, 2005**

Lehman noted two minor corrections. Gefvert moved and Lambert seconded a motion to approve the Minutes for March 2, 2005 as submitted with the corrections noted. All voted "Yes". Motion carried.

**3. Citizens Wishing to Discuss Items Not on the Agenda**

None.

**4. Business Items**

**A. Introduction of new park board member Cathy Rude**

Lehman welcomed new park board member Cathy Rude to the board and asked that each board member provide a brief statement of their background. Rude informed the board she was excited about the opportunity to serve on the park board.

**B. Consideration of 2006 boat slip rates for Gray's Bay Marina**

Johnson provided background to the item noting that the board requested a review of the 2006 Gray's Bay Marina boat slip rates following their annual review of operations that took place at the December 1, 2004 meeting.

Pavelka provided a matrix indicating slip rental costs for other public and private marinas, located on Lake Minnetonka. He noted that Gray's Bay Marina compared closely to private marinas in terms of amenities and services offered. Pavelka indicated that the average cost for a private slip was \$4,350, compared to the Gray's Bay rate of \$2,800 which has not changed since the facility opened in 2001. Pavelka closed by noting that any recommended changes by the board would be considered by the council as part of the 2006 annual budget.

Lambert asked how the escrow is expected to be used. Pavelka responded that escrow funds would be used for major replacement of city owned amenities, such as the building and slip docks, as well as for the city's share of jointly owned amenities with the DNR, such as the parking lot.

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Goodyear asked what the city's contribution to the project was at the time of construction. Barone indicated that the amount was \$900,000.

Gefvert inquired about the current demand for slip space and asked what the interest was in the most recent lottery. Pavelka responded that 160 applications were received for 10 available spaces. He added that additional names were then added to the waiting list.

Rude asked if the marina could generate additional revenues to help support other recreational programs and services. Johnson responded that per the agreement in place with the DNR, all revenue generated must be used to cover only marina operations and capital expenses.

Lehman asked what the most significant capital costs are expected to be. Pavelka indicated the dock replacement and fuel tanks.

Goodyear voiced his support for an increase that would move towards the going market rate. He noted that current rates are well below market and that additional funds could be applied to the escrow account.

Gefvert also indicated support for a modest increase.

Lambert added that waiting too long to increase the rates can make a larger increase in future years even more difficult.

Gefvert noted that a 5% increase would keep the rates under \$3,000 and still well below the going market rate.

Gefvert moved and Mills seconded a motion to maintain current operating expenses for the Gray's Bay Marina and increase slip rental rates 5% for 2006 to a cost of \$2,940 with additional revenue to be applied to the facility's escrow fund. All voted "Yes". Motion carried.

**C. Consideration of a revision to the Athletic Field Use Policy pertaining to athletic field lighting proposed for Glen Lake Park.**

Johnson provided an overview to the item noting that the park board recommended that Glen Lake Mighty Mites (GLMM) be allowed to install lights at Glen Lake Park contingent upon staff's development of an operating policy similar to the one currently in place at Big Willow Park.

Johnson reviewed the staff recommendation that would allow GLMM to use the lights for play until 9:45 p.m., and for maintenance up to 15 minutes following the completion of play, not to exceed 10:00 p.m.

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Johnson added that GLMM had requested that the season of use identified in the Comprehensive Athletic Field Use policy be extended from September 1 to October 15.

Rude asked what age players would utilize the fields. Mark Gregg, representing the GLMM Board, responded 9-12 years of age. He added that a second game would not be added to the Sunday -Thursday evening schedule until school was out of session.

Tom Mooney, 5128 Woodhill Road, noted that the curfew for children under the age of 12 was 9:00 p.m. and that the GLMM program would be in violation of the curfew. Barone responded that she believed this was not in violation because the program is supervised. Gregg added that the GLMM program assigns a field supervisor each evening who remains at the site until all participants have left.

James Householder, 14501 Atrium Way #224, indicated that the lights were not a concern to him or his neighbors, however parking, even at current levels, is a concern. Mr. Householder identified himself as a member of his condominium board.

Barone suggested that temporary "no parking" signs be placed immediately north and south of the parking lot egress to Woodhill Road during the GLMM season.

Rude indicated that she was comfortable with the operating policy for the lights but felt the project should wait for the park renewal process to be completed.

Goodyear indicated that he was comfortable putting the cost responsibility of moving the lights, if needed, on GLMM.

Lehman added that this same responsibility has been placed on the Girl's Athletic League program.

Goodyear moved and Anderson seconded a motion to approve staff recommended changes to the Comprehensive Athletic Field Use policy for the operation of athletic field lighting at Glen Lake Park, with the added extension of the season from April 1 to October 1 annually. All voted "Yes". Motion carried.

Lehman called for a break at 8:30 p.m. Lehman called the meeting back to order at 8:43 p.m.

**D. Review of long-term Park Board development**

Johnson reviewed a list of staff's recommended stops for the May 4 park board tour and asked if the board had any additional requests.

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Rude asked how the selected stops were chosen. Johnson responded that stops include locations of projects recently completed or scheduled to begin over the next year.

Board members requested that Big Willow Park, Guillian Park, and Victoria-Evergreen Park be added to the list.

Gefvert asked that a roster and/or name tags be provided for participants.

Lehman suggested that board members wear their park board shirts so that a board picture could be taken.

**E. Designation of Park Board representative to the Minnehaha Creek Visioning Plan Policy Committee.**

Barone reviewed the staff report and outlined the objectives of the policy committee.

Anderson volunteered to be the park board's representative and Rude an alternate representative.

**5. Park Board Member Reports**

Mills requested that additional garbage containers be considered at McKenzie Park. Sinclair indicated that he would review the need.

Anderson noted that an information board was placed in Victoria-Evergreen Park at the time of Park Renewal and has never been used. Sinclair said he would check with the city forester to see what his plans for use are.

Goodyear suggested that the park board request financial information from all youth organizations utilizing city fields or requesting city funding. Lambert cautioned that updated data might be difficult to get from most organizations. He added that operating with volunteer services often makes this type of information difficult to keep.

**6. Information Items**

No additional information items were reported.

**7. Upcoming Park Board Agenda Items**

Johnson reminded the board that the June 1, 2005 meeting will be held at the Williston Fitness Center. He added that the next Joint Recreation Board meeting is scheduled for July 13, 2005.

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The park board requested that a Minnehaha Creek canoe trip be scheduled for late May or early June. Johnson indicated that he would email a list of dates for consideration.

**8. Adjournment**

Goodyear moved and Gefvert seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:37 p.m. All voted "Yes". Motion carried.