

**MINUTES OF THE
MINNETONKA PARK BOARD
October 5, 2005**

1. Roll Call

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

Chair Lehman called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes - September 7, 2005

Lambert moved and Goodyear seconded a motion to approve the meeting minutes of September 7, 2005, as submitted. All voted "Yes". Motion carried.

3. Citizens Wishing to Discuss Items Not on the Agenda

None.

4. Business Items

A. Consideration of Civic Center Athletic Field Use Policy

Johnson provided an overview of the item noting the park board initially reviewed this item at their August 3, 2005, meeting. At that time staff received direction from the park board regarding the use of fields for games, scheduled rest periods from field use, and scheduling priorities. Johnson indicated that staff has made these revisions and is presenting a draft of the policy for the park board's consideration.

Lehman opened the floor to park board members.

Rude questioned why the fields are made available specifically for practice use. Johnson responded that the 2004 Athletic Field Needs Study update indicated that practice fields for soccer were in demand. Johnson added that input received from youth soccer organizations supports this need. Johnson explained that the new fields will be of high quality and be used more efficiently as practice facilities.

Gefvert asked if the scheduled rest period was consistent with other primary facilities. Sinclair responded that each field in the city is scheduled in accordance to use patterns with rest periods scheduled at low demand times. Johnson added that the rest period is designed to be a worst-case scenario, with the actual rest period typically being shorter in time. Johnson added that the scheduled period of August 17-29 for the new civic center fields falls between active summer and fall programming, meaning that organizations should not be dramatically impacted.

Goodyear asked what the cost to construct the fields was. Sinclair estimated the cost to be \$180,000. Goodyear asked if the construction specifications for these

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new fields could be used for future projects. Sinclair and Vetter indicated they could.

Gefvert moved and Anderson seconded a motion to approve the policy and use schedule for the new civic center athletic fields and submit to the city council for consideration in the Comprehensive Athletic Field Use Policy. All voted "Yes". Motion carried.

5. Park Board Member Reports

Gefvert updated the board on storm water project improvements at Lone Lake Park. He noted that reconstruction of the lower parking area will result in the loss of two disc golf holes. Gefvert also noted that use of the park has declined without the disc golf course and questioned when the park renewal process will begin. Vetter responded that meetings are not scheduled at this point, but could begin this winter. Vetter added that the scope of work at Lone Lake might change with the amount of assistance from youth soccer organizations apparently declining.

Rude noted that some residents think they missed the Lone Lake Park renewal meetings due to construction taking place in the park. She asked if residents could be notified that the work in progress is not related to park renewal.

Mills noted that staff from School District 276 are in need of assistance from city staff in the planning of a nature area on approximately 18 acres of district land near Purgatory Park. Sinclair provided Mills with contact information.

6. Information Items

Barone updated the board on discussions staff has had with Bennett Park representatives related to improvements planned for Bennett Park. Johnson updated the board on Diamond Club improvements being considered at Minnetonka High School.

7. Upcoming Park Board Agenda Items

No additions were made to the 6-month schedule included in the meeting packet.

8. Adjournment

Gefvert moved and Anderson seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m. All voted "Yes". Motion carried.