

1. Roll Call

Park Board members in attendance included Jahn Anderson, Bruce Gefvert, Tim Goodyear, Amber Greves, Tess Komarek, Denny Lambert, and Patrick Robben. Staff members in attendance included Geralyn Barone, Jo Colleran, Dave Johnson and Perry Vetter.

2. Approval of Minutes

Lambert moved and Gefvert seconded a motion to approve the Minutes of November 5, 2008 as submitted. All voted "Yes." Motion carried.

3. Citizens Wishing to Discuss Items Not on the Agenda

None.

4. Business Items

A. Review of Park Dedication Fees

Johnson provided background information to the item noting that the park board last reviewed park dedication fees (PDF) in November of 2006 with the city council adopting fee increases in August of 2007. Johnson noted that prior to the adjustments made in August 2007, the city of Minnetonka was considerably lower than other comparable cities.

Johnson provided a summary comparing 2008 PDF's for Minnetonka to other cities including Eden Prairie, Edina, Maple Grove and Plymouth. Johnson noted that the average PDF for residential single dwelling development was \$6,333 compared to Minnetonka's fee of \$5,000; residential multiple dwellings \$5,566 compared to Minnetonka's \$5,000; commercial development \$10,000/acre compared to Minnetonka's \$8,000; and industrial \$8,500 to Minnetonka's \$7,000.

Johnson closed by indicating that the park dedication fund that is used by the park board to fund park and trail improvements throughout city parks is supported in part by the collection of PDF's. He noted that projections in the 2009-2013 Capital Improvements Plan estimate \$70,000 in PDF collected per year.

Goodyear asked for park board member questions and feedback.

Lambert noted that of the cities included in the comparison survey, he felt that Plymouth was most comparable to Minnetonka in terms of size, growth potential and other factors. Lambert noted that Plymouth's PDF were higher than Minnetonka's across the board and suggested that Minnetonka's fees be adjusted accordingly.

Gefvert voiced support for an increase and agreed with Lambert that residential fees should be increased to \$6,500 and commercial and industrial fees to \$8,000 per acre.

Lambert moved and Robben seconded a motion to recommend to the planning commission and city council that 2009 park dedication fees be increased for residential dwellings from \$5,000 per unit to \$6,500 per unit; and for commercial and industrial development from \$8,000/\$7,000 per acre to \$8,000 per acre. All voted "Yes". Motion carried.

B. Discussion on the Park Board's 2009 Strategic Plan

The park board conducted an annual review of their strategic plan in preparation for 2009 business. The board maintained their four primary goals for 2009 with only one minor change to reflect their attention to recreational programming during the upcoming year. Relatively minor changes were made to the park board's objectives for 2009.

Johnson noted that staff would make the changes noted and bring the final draft back to the board in January to review and approve.

5. Park Board Member Reports

None.

6. Information Items

Perry Vetter, Parks and Trails Division Manager, informed the board that outdoor ice rinks were in the process of being flooded and that crews will have all facilities open prior to the scheduled start of the season.

7. Upcoming Park Board Agenda Items

The board reviewed their upcoming 6-month meeting schedule and added a review of the Mills Park and an update on natural resources ordinances to the February 4, 2009 agenda.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.