

# City of Scandia    **PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MINUTES**

## **August 4, 2008**

Members present: Karen Schik, Alex Bildeaux, Matt Rassmussen, Edward Ruff, Joan Benner, Tom Vogen, Tom Triplett

Members absent: Mike Goeken, Dan Skupien

Guests: Anne Hurlburt, Mike Hartnetty

1. Minutes of 7-08 approved
2. **Ice rink update:** work is going well with the boards in place, there are 3-4 days of work left to finish: pressure wash, paint and seal cracks in the pad, plan is to finish before Taco Daze
3. **Taco Daze dodgeball:** Anne will check with the Lions about recycling    Volunteers needed for dodgeball refs, cleanup Saturday 7 pm and Sunday 9 am
4. **2009 Budget and CIP:** work sessions are on August 6 and August 26 when a draft budget will be put together for the City Council. **August 21 is the CIP public meeting.** There will be a special council meeting on Sept. 10 to finalize the tax levy for Sept 15 certification deadline. The CIP draft for Parks and Recreation placed the skateboard park as priority over Lilleskogen Park. The P&R Committee would like to move the skate park to a lower priority with funding moved out several years. We would like to emphasize Lilleskogen as our top priority for funding. We recommend the Skate Park be added as a \$5,000 line item on the P&R Budget. The P&R budget worksheet was reviewed and a new line item for temporary/seasonal employees (to assist with painting, lawn mowing and trash pickup) was also added at \$5500. The Summer Program has not had enough enrollment in most programs this year, and most have been cancelled. Alex volunteered to represent the P&R Committee at the August 6 meeting.
5. **501c3** Tom T reported on the July meeting discussing forming the independent nonprofit organization to support Scandia Parks with volunteers and funds. It may be possible to connect with Friends of Washington County or Parks and Trails, but most likely being separate is the only way to create the organization. It was discussed that 100 people minimum would indicate enough interest, at \$20 suggested donation. A booth at Taco Daze and an article in the Country Messenger will introduce the organization. Help is needed at the booth.
6. **Wind in the Pines:** Sign placement was discussed- with an 85 ft required easement the sign is not very visible from the road, and not actually on the park property. Tom V. will ask MNDOT if they will put up a small sign on side of the road. Trail markers and posts are needed- the price will be checked and added to the P&R budget request.
7. **Lilleskogen Park:** Alex is meeting with someone from Carlos Avery to learn about weirs and ask about the permit/engineering process. Funding sources will be explored. A fall event was discussed, with no specific plans at this time.

8. **Winterfest: Saturday Feb 7, 2009 1 pm.** New ideas were discussed such as more events- snow fort building? Boot hockey? Music...? Meisters would like to be involved with the planning and running of Winterfest and Matt will work with them for ideas and plans.
9. **Open Space Planning/ Trail**-to discuss next meeting: Land and water legacy- how to protect land for its natural value, how to connect the green corridors, where should trails be? - Natural Resources maps are on line at Scandia site.
10. Meeting adjourned.
11. Next meeting **Monday, Sept 8, 7 pm**