

Scandia Park and Recreation Committee Minutes

Monday, July 6, 2009

Members Present: Alex Bildeaux, Karen Schik, Dan Skupien, Joan Benner, Sally Swanson, Tom Vogen, Edward Ruf, Mike Goeken, Matt Rasmussen

Members Absent: None

Guests: Anne Hurlburt, Pete Crum, Delores Peterson, Judy Rydeen, Marty McKelvey

1. **Rasmussen Property-** Delores Peterson and Judy Rydeen presented to the Committee the idea of utilizing the City-owned Rasmussen property for some kind of public, possibly recreational purpose. They expressed their feelings that the property is historic and could represent a “gateway” to the city center. They brought up the fact that a well and septic already exist.
 - The Committee then discussed possible uses, along with the benefits and probable setbacks.
 - Some of the issues discussed include:
 - Lack of proper county records
 - Maintenance costs
 - Type and condition of the well and septic, along with legal uses
 - Cost of engineering
 - Present state of the budget
 - A consensus was reached that the idea is interesting, but the considerations are many. Future discussion should ensue.
2. **Friends of Scandia-** Karen reported that at the most recent meeting, it was decided that no group activity would be planned for this year. In lieu of this “Friends” would focus its efforts on education.
3. **Summer Rec Programs-** The Committee briefly discussed the sporadic participation, particularly the dwindling at the end of the season.
4. **City Council-** Anne reported:
 - \$1000 grant would be awarded by the Conservation District;
 - The Lilleskogen water control structure plan is under review by the Watershed;
 - A grant application has been filed with the DNR;
 - A grant for Wind in the Pines from the Watershed is pending;

The Committee debated possible uses for the \$1000 grant, but no consensus was reached.

5. **Parkland Visits-** The Committee discussed the results of each member visiting all city-owned properties. Due to a communication breakdown, not all properties were visited by all members. Some debate ensued as to which properties have park potential and need to be visited.
6. **Donated Picnic Tables-** Anne reported that three tables were placed at the Community Center, and three are presently located at the lit ball field. After considerable discussion, it was decided that one more table should be placed at the ball field, and one should be located at the Log House Landing.
7. **Ball Field Maintenance-** Anne and Sally reported on the present situation, stating that the signage and scoreboard are in need of repair. Anne indicated that the Lions Club have money set aside for this purpose, but have yet to take action. A brief discussion was had with regard to the possibility of placing recycling bins, as well as charcoal grills at the ball field.
8. **Tennis Court Backboard-** Sally provided research on possible materials and designs, should it be decided to build the backboard. Ann volunteered to research the alternative of buying commercially available units.
9. **Approval of Minutes-** Minutes from June 1, 2009 were unanimously approved with edits.
10. **Next meeting-** Monday, August 3, 2009
11. **Meeting adjourned-** Alex