

Scandia Park and Recreation Committee Minutes, Monday, April 6, 2009

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

Members Absent: Joan Benner and Dan Skupien

Guest: Anne Hurlburt, City Administrator

Approval of March 2, 2009 Minutes: Move to adopt 3-2-09 minutes with revisions to reflect correct date and add Marty McKelvey as guest, adopt minutes as revised. Approved.

1. **Equipment Swap:** Is set for Saturday, May 9, 2009 at the Community Center from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. There will be paper advertising and we will try to get news coverage (Marty McKelvey, City Recreation Coordinator).
2. **Ice Rink:** Matt R. bought the following complaints to light. Citizens have requested longer ice hours and days in the season. Ann mentioned that this is a common complaint, and ice season dates and hours are posted on the Scandia website. The rink is shut down for the season at the same time each year and this date is proven to be the best time for ice quality, etc.. There was also mention that the line markers were a bit off and we may look into fixing them. Discussion was held regarding using the rink as the skateboard park in the summer months. The old skateboard park equipment was taken out of service since it was dangerous. The Lions have donated \$7,500 for the purchase of new equipment.
3. **City Council Meeting update:** Five (5) Park items were approved at the April Meeting: 1) They approved our proposal to the CMSCWD for funding for Lilleskogen (\$7,500), with matching city funds. 2) They also approved our request to submit a proposal to the DNR for additional funding for restoration at Lilleskogen. 3) They approved our request to submit a proposal to the CMSCWD for trail building and trash removal at WIP, 4) They approved the Park rules that we drafted, with the final decision that dogs would not be allowed at WIP, 5) They approved the facility rental fees for Hay Lake and the Warming House with resident rental rates of \$25.00 and \$50.00 respectively.
4. **Wind in the Pines Park:** April 25, 2009 will be the set clean-up and trash removal day. Ann will assist with obtaining a dumpster for the day. Alex and Matt are available to supervise. This will coincide with the Scandia City clean-up day. Will need to obtain approval for use of a 4-wheeler in the park. Discussion was held regarding removal of the barbed wire fence on one boundary of the park. It was suggested that we invest on a boundary survey to

be sure that the fence is on the park property before it is removed. Further discussion was held regarding signing (trail markers) at the park. Ordering of 100 \$1.00 (Green Hiker) trail markers was approved and purchase of natural cedar posts for the signs that cannot be posted on trees. There will then be plenty of signs for replacements and use in other parks.

The Watershed district will give \$5,000 for fixing of the ravine in the park. We need to develop a new proposal for this amount to build the log stairs and other erosion control work in the switchback. Karen will seek bids from contractors to do the work.

We need to contact boy scouts, and other volunteers to assist with this and other projects in the park to save labor costs. If we use free labor on park projects, we will need to look into insurance issues, etc. Ann will investigate.

5. **Lilleskogen Park:** The Watershed District is giving \$7,500 toward the engineering and permitting phase of the Lilleskogen project. No trail work or removal of buckthorn can be done until the water device construction is complete. Use of volunteers for trail making and buckthorn removal will be highly beneficial at this location.
6. **Friends of Scandia Parks and Trails:** Their April 8, 2009 agenda was passed out and discussed. Their main concern at this time is the mining site on the intersections of 95 and 97. There is an EIS in progress. Meeting at the Community Center on 4/7/09. Discussion regarding using members of this group for projects, in particular cleaning up boat landings, trail building etc., along with Scout groups. The Girl Scouts have volunteered to clean up boat landings.
7. **Miscellaneous:** Add topic of Gateway Trail to next agenda.
8. **2009 Goals and Objectives:** Discussion was held regarding revisiting of Park Dedication Fees. This will be part of the update of the City's Subdivision Regulations.
9. **Meeting Adjourned:** Move to adjourn by Alex Bildeaux. Approved.