



## Parks & Recreation Commission

### Minutes of January 11, 2012

Meeting called to order at approximately 5:02 PM by Joel Braun.

#### **Roll Call**

**Members Present:** Thomas Beery, Joel Braun, Erica Erickson, Karen Erickson, Edwin Hall, Andy Holak, Kristin Ridgewell, Barbara Stark, Eric Viken, Jon Welles

**Members Excused:** Susan Beasy Latto (Arrived later after her other meeting had ended)

**Members Absent:** None

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of December 14 approved unanimously as written - 11-0

#### **Presentations**

##### **a. Renaming forest areas in Fond-du-Lac, Mission Creek, and Magney Snively Areas - Councilor Hartman**

- Presentation was made on the history of Frederick Rodney Paine (FRP) by Councilor Hartman, Tim Howard, and Tom Kasper.
- Councilor Hartman is proposing naming a section of the forest north of Fond du Lac and a second tract of forest near Spirit Mountain within the Magney-Snively Forest Preserve be named Frederick Rodney Paine Forest Preserve.
- There was significant discussion, questions, and answers regarding the proposal. The proposal was tabled when commissioners requested more information to be presented at a future meeting. The type of information requested was:
  - More clearly define the boundaries of the properties being renamed and their relationship to other parks and named areas surrounding them.
  - The legal definitions of other terms such as: "Forest Preserve", "Forest", "Parks", "Recreation Area", "Nature Area"

#### **Commission Committee Reports**

##### **Parks and Trails**

- Thomas Beery and Eric Viken gave updates on what the committee has been working on with regards to the reuse of the Central High School site.
- Tom Kasper, also a member of the school board, was still in attendance from the earlier presentation and Parks Commissioners took that opportunity to ask some questions of a school board member to get his perspective on the site.
- There was significant discussion amongst the Parks Commissioners regarding how to proceed. The decision was made for the Parks and Trails subcommittee to meet with City Planning to discuss the process and planning for the site.

#### **Commissioner & Liaison Reports**

- Eric Viken – Reported on correspondence from district regarding Indian Point Campground.
- Erica Erickson – Distributed a letter regarding the accessibility of the Bayfront Park swings.

## **New Business**

### **a. Election of Officers**

The nominating committee presented the following slate of officers for 2012:

#### **2012 Executive Committee**

1. Joel Braun – President
2. Kristin Ridgewell – Vice President
3. Karen Erickson – Secretary

Motion made and passed unanimously 10-0 to accept the slate of candidates for 2012 executive committee

### **b. Playground Grants**

- Kathy Bergen gave commissioners information regarding playground grants and requested input as to whether or not the grants should continue. Discussion and feedback followed. The recommendation was to continue the grants as they are a good way to promote community involvement.

## **Old Business**

### **a. Commission Committee changes as follows:**

“Facilities” to “Parks and Facilities”

“Parks and Trails” to “Trails and Bikeways”

“Youth Recreation” to “Recreation Programming” - youth and adult

### **Division Manager’s Report:**

Handed out by Kathy Bergen and highlights presented.

### **Speakers/Public Comment:**

None

### **Adjournment:**

Motion made to adjourn by Barbara Stark seconded by Jon Welles - meeting was adjourned by Joel Braun at approximately 7 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,  
Eric S. Viken