

**PARK BOARD
CITY OF WABASHA**

Minutes of the Wednesday, January 19, 2011, meeting:

BOARD MEMBERS:	Nan Hiers (Chair)	Mickie Nelson
	Sue Gillespie	Dan Aitken
	Jan Kasper	Brenda Stauffer
	(1) Vacancy	

STAFF:	Keith Hough	Parks Superintendent
	Mike Mroz	Staff

The regular meeting of the Park Board was held on Wednesday, January 19, 2011 at the City Hall and was called to order by member Hiers at 4:30 pm.

Roll call found members Hiers, Nelson, Aitken and Stauffer present. Members Gillespie and Kasper were absent

Board Members Nelson and Aitken moved to approve the December 15, 2010 minutes as submitted. Adopted unanimously.

The Summer Rec program was discussed. Terry and Laura Timm were present to provide input and suggestions on improving the program. Terry stated that he has talked to other parents and they would like to get involved in the program; and that they were frustrated with how the program ran last season, however it would need to be an evening program in order for the parents to be involved because of work schedules.

The board also discussed the following:

- coaching problems from last season
- parent participation
- possible school participation
- University internship opportunity?

It was decided by unanimous consent to hold a community meeting on Tuesday February 7 at 7pm to get community input on restructuring the program. Laura Timm will draft an ad to put in the paper and email it to staff for approval. Keith will contact Nick Richmond at the school.

Park Plan Review. Member Nelson review Beach Park. She stated that she had spoken with Carol Scott, who has been put in charge of the Park for the Rotary. The Rotary has spent some of their money on plantings by the pergola; however they still have about 2000-2500 left in their budget for the park. Benches had been suggested; the plan for the park had been a tot lot, however there are not enough funds for the large scale plan that was previously suggested. The board decided to revisit the previous plan to see if a small scale tot lot was possible. Mickie will speak with Molly and get the brochures from her. The board also discussed ways to deter people from putting the benches in the water, possibly putting signage. She also reported that Carol has sent an email to David Schmidt that the lights are out in the Gazebo.

Member Hiers reported on Jaycee Park. She encouraged the board to think about their position on a campground in Jaycee Park or possibly a Trail Head.

Board membership was discussed. At previous meetings the board had discussed changing the ordinance to allow non-residents to be board members. Nan presented new ordinance language written by city administrator David Schmidt to allow one non-resident to sit on the board. Members discussed the change and agreed that it would be beneficial to the community.

The next meeting is scheduled for, Wednesday, February 16, 2011

Having no other business, board members Stauffer and Nelson moved to adjourn at 5:47 pm. Adopted unanimously.

Patty Heraty, Administrative Assistant