

**PARK BOARD
CITY OF WABASHA**

Minutes of the Wednesday, July 21, 2010, meeting:

BOARD MEMBERS:	Nan Hiers (Chair)	Mickie Nelson
	Jason Timm	Sue Gillespie
	Jan Kasper	Kevin Hemmingsen
	Dan Aitken	

STAFF:	Keith Hough	Parks Superintendent
	Mike Mroz	Staff
	Patty Heraty	Administrative Assistant

The regular meeting of the Park Board was held on Wednesday, July 21, 2010 at the City Hall and was called to order by member Nelson 4:40 pm.

Roll call found all members present except member Hemmingsen.

Board Members Gillespie and Nelson moved to approve the June 9, 2010 regular minutes as submitted. Adopted unanimously.

Wabasha residents Jerry and Lois Leisen addressed the board and expressed their concern about children playing ball in River Drive Park. They reported that their house has been damaged by baseballs and asked if the city would be liable for the damage to his residence and is requesting the board take action to stop the children from playing ball in the park. Mr. Leisen was told that the city is not responsible for the damage to his residence. Board discussion included posting a "No Ball Allowed" sign; planting more trees; having resident contact parents of children; and recommending resident contacting homeowners association. After all discussion it was decided that staff would draft a letter to Mr. Leisen thanking him for attending the meeting and bringing the issue to the boards attention and recommending he contact the parents of the children and file and police report if it happens again and draft letters to both homeowners association presidents notifying them of the concern and requesting cooperation. Staff will email letters to board members prior to mailing.

The Community Gardens were discussed. Mickey reported that the complaints received by Jeremy Binner regarding the compost bin had been resolved.

Board member Gillespie requested an update on the Beach Park plantings. Keith reported that they have been in for 3 weeks and that they are waiting to plant the Lilacs.

Board member Hiers asked about a city recycling program. She reported that Beach Park was very busy over 4th of July holiday and that several people asked about recycling cans/bottles. Keith reported that the city/county does not currently have a recycling program and that

Board members were provided with a memo from Stephanie Binner updating them on the pool.

Board member Timm reported that he has received several complaints on the Summer Rec director and scheduling problems with games. Board members discussed possible solutions for next year including more parent involvement. It was decided that staff would gather information on how other cities run their programs and bring it back to the board.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 18, 2010 at the Community Gardens.

Having no other business, board members Gillespie and Timm moved to adjourn at 6:12. Adopted unanimously.

Patty Heraty, Administrative Assistant