

Minutes  
of the  
NORTH MANKATO PARK & GREEN SPACES ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
North Mankato, Minnesota  
February 26, 2008

A meeting of the North Mankato Park & Green Spaces Advisory Committee was held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 26, 2008 in the Large Conference Room of the Municipal Building.

Park & Green Spaces Advisory Committee members present: Chair Diane Norland, Nancy Gehrke, Mike Fischer, Mark Porisch, Tom Hagen, Rob Johnston, Tracy Malm and John Hurd. Members absent: LaVonne Smasal, Bess Tsaouse and Chris Corley.

Chair Norland reported the City Council adopted a resolution establishing the North Mankato Park & Green Spaces Advisory Committee and appointing the following members to the Committee: Diane Norland, Chair; Chris Corley, Tom Hagen, John Hurd, Robert Johnston, Tracy Malm, Mark Porisch, LaVonne Smasal, Bess Tsaouse, Michael Fischer and Nancy Gehrke. She also presented the resolutions adopted by the City Council establishing the Park Development Fund and the Endowment Fund. An article outlining the two funds has been prepared for the upcoming *City News & Views*.

Chair Norland reported the two major tasks before the Park & Green Spaces Advisory Committee are: 1) Outline and prioritize 2008 Projects, and 2) Identify projects for the upcoming 2009 Budget process. She reported there are funds of \$11,900 available for 2008 projects. She asked the Committee Members to give a priority issue for 2008.

Tom Hagen reported he is involved in the Million Trees Project and he believes this is a good time to plant trees in North Mankato in some of the areas identified in the Park & Green Spaces Report. A record of the trees planted and how they do will be kept. Chair Norland will request an allocation of \$500 for seedlings at the Council Meeting of March 3, 2008.

Other suggestions from Committee Members for 2008 park projects included chain link fence replaced with wood at Spring Lake Park, artesian well to include pump, stonework and bridge at Spring Lake Park, birdhouses, benches and trees for the existing wetland area in Benson Park, fountain in Ladybug Lake, animal paver trail in Benson Park and trail surrounding Pleasant View Park. Some discussion was held on the different types of material that could be used for trails.

The next Park & Green Spaces Advisory Committee meeting was scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on March 25, 2008 in the Large Conference Room of the Municipal Building.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

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Chair

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Secretary