

Minutes
of the
NORTH MANKATO PARK & GREEN SPACES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
North Mankato, Minnesota
March 1, 2011

A meeting of the North Mankato Park & Green Spaces Advisory Committee was held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 1, 2011 in the Police Annex Community Room.

Park & Green Spaces Advisory Committee members present: Chair Diane Norland, Chris Corley, Rob Johnston, Joe Kluender, Mark Porisch and Nancy Gehrke.

Benson Park

Chair Norland reported the City Council adopted Resolution No. 91-10 ordering plans and specifications for Project No. 11-02, Benson Park underground Improvements. A request for grant funds for Benson Park has been submitted and notification should be received in May as to whether we were successful in obtaining any grant funds for the Benson Park improvements.

Chair Norland reported she would be speaking with Bryan Sowers about funds for Benson Park through the Fallenstein Foundation.

Five-Year Capital Improvement Plant

Chair Norland presented the 2011-2015 Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan for parks which was adopted by the City Council at their December 20, 2010 Council meeting. Discussion was held about the lighting at Wheeler Park, connection of trails and Benson Park improvements. Chair Norland will add comments to the plan and forward to all Park & Green Spaces Committee members.

Other

Chair Norland complimented Chris Corley for his excellent presentation to the City Council. She reported work on the art walk would begin this spring.

Members of the Park & Green Spaces Committee requested Chair Norland send a recommendation to the City Council asking that a pilot program begin for Spring Lake Park to be designated as a dog walking park under the same conditions as Bluff Park and Benson Park. Dogs must be kept on a 6-foot leash and walkers must pick up after their dog. The Committee also requested two pick-up stations be placed in Spring Lake Park.

Chair Norland asked about the future of the Park & Green Spaces Committee. It was decided the Committee would hold their next meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 14, 2011. Chris Corley stated that a mission statement should be prepared before the June meeting.

Some discussion was held about the request from Scott Carlson, the gym teacher at Monroe Elementary School, about holding cross country meets at Benson Park. Discussion was also held about cross country skiing at Benson Park.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Chair

Secretary