

**PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
CITY OF RAMSEY
ANOKA COUNTY
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

The Ramsey Park and Recreation Commission conducted a regular meeting on February 10, 2011, at Ramsey Municipal Center, Minnesota.

Commission Members Present: Chairperson Melody Shryock
 Vice Chair Angela Olsen
 Commissioner Bridgett Barr
 Commissioner Shane Bennett
 Commissioner Andrew Fyten
 Commissioner Tom LaMere

Commission Members Absent: None

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Shryock called the Park and Recreation Commission meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

CITIZEN INPUT

There was none.

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Olsen, seconded by Commissioner Fyten to approve the agenda.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chairperson Shryock, Bennett, Barr, Fyten, LaMere and Olsen.
Voting No: None. Absent: None.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner LaMere, to approve the following Park and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes:

- 1) Park and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes dated January 13, 2011.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chairperson Shryock, Commissioners Bennett, Barr, Fyten, LaMere and Olsen. Voting No: None. Absent: None.

COMMISSION BUSINESS

Case #1: Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Management Plan

Chris Anderson, Environmental Coordinator and staff liaison for the Environmental Policy Board was present to discuss with the Commission the Emerald Ash Borer Management Plan. He stated in the event this invasive pest should arrive in the City this is being brought forth to the Commission being that it does affect park land and park trees.

Chris Anderson gave a demonstration of Emerald Ash Borer and is asking for any questions or feedback.

Chairperson Shryock clarified that what is being talked about is creating an inventory and this wouldn't eliminate trees but monitor them and when they are in poor or fair condition then would be the time to address the issue.

Commissioner Bennett asked would it be without a confirmed infection if they were in fair or poor condition and would it potentially be targeted.

Chris Anderson responded yes, but we would be somewhat subject to the Department of Agriculture's requirements and they have the authority to issue a quarantine which restricts the movements of hardwoods and what we are discussing is without the presence or confirmation of emerald ash borer.

Commissioner Barr asked if there is a way in discussing in developments or with a developer when they have covenants to not put in these specific trees.

Chris Anderson responded through the landscape development review plan process we have a chance to comment on that.

No action needed, for informational purposes only.

Case #2 Discuss 2011 Parks Capital Improvement Projects

Park Supervisor Mark Riverblood summarized the 2011 Capital Improvement Program.

Chairperson Shryock commented Riverdale Park is a good advantage with a new trail system.

Chairperson Shryock expressed the Elmcrest Park building and playground was an important project that would bring more people into the park and that will help facilitate surrounding businesses.

Chairperson Shryock asked how many parking stalls will be put in at Rhinestone Commons.

Park Supervisor Mark Riverblood didn't have an exact number yet.

Chairperson Shryock asked what the trust fund dollars are currently.

Park Supervisor Mark Riverblood answered about 3.6 million.

Motion by Commissioner Fyten, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to proceed with the 2011 Parks Capital Improvements as presented.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chairperson Shryock, Bennett, Barr, Fyten, LaMere and Olsen.
Voting No: None. Absent: None.

COMMISSION/STAFF INPUT

Parks Supervisor Mark Riverblood reviewed the Canoe/Kayaks for Sunfish Lake and Public Bikes for the COR.

Trail Grant Applications for Co. Rd #83, TH #47 and Mississippi River Trail

Update on the Boardwalk from Variolite Street to Ramsey Boulevard

Update on Winter Recreation

Programming for the Draw

Environmental Specialist Chris Anderson reviewed information on the Environmental and Tree Expo and the Business Expo.

Chairperson Shryock reminded the Commissioners to bring their calendars to the next meeting so they can schedule hours to work the Expo.

Chairperson Shryock wanted to commend staff for working on those things that create opportunities for our students to gain environmental experiences.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Fyten to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

Motion carried.

The Park and Recreation Commission meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Riverblood
Parks Supervisor

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