

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

The Ramsey Park and Recreation Commission conducted a regular meeting on July 14, 2011, at The Draw, 7401 East Ramsey Parkway NW, Ramsey, Minnesota.

Commission Members Present:      Chairperson Melody Shryock  
   Commissioner Shane Bennett  
   Commissioner Richard Chubb  
   Commissioner Andrew Fyten  
   Commissioner David Minke

Commission Members Absent:      Vice Chair Angela Olsen  
   Commissioner Bridget Barr

Also Present:                              Parks Supervisor Mark Riverblood

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Shryock called the Park and Recreation Commission meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

**CITIZEN INPUT**

Tabled until after Case #5.1.

**APPROVE AGENDA**

Motion by Commissioner Bennett , seconded by Commissioner Minke to approve the Park and Recreation Commission meeting agenda for the meeting dated July 14, 2011 as presented.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chairperson Shryock, Commissioners Bennett, Chubb, Fyten, and Minke. Voting No: None. Absent: Commissioner Bennett and Olsen.

**APPROVE MINUTES**

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

- 1) Park and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes dated June 9, 2011.

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

**COMMISSION BUSINESS**

### **Case #5.1: Consider Park and Recreation Commission Involvement at Happy Days**

Parks Supervisor Riverblood discussed that the Commission would like to get more involved in other things such as Happy Days and turned it over to Commissioner Chubb for discussion. Commissioner Chubb stated there are two areas that the Happy Days Committee is looking for the Commissions help with. One is assistance with the parade set up and line up and the other is bingo. The Commission discussed volunteer groups for example the girl scouts to assist with monitoring the parade event.

Chairperson Shryock offered some Boy Scout names for the Happy Days Committee to contact.

### **CITIZEN INPUT**

Kotchi Prosper, 15540 Iodine Street NW, Ramsey, the Traveling Director for the Northern Lights Soccer Club. Mr. Prosper was present to speak on behalf of the Northern Lights Soccer Club to discuss if there has been any progress of a building at Elmcrest Park.

Parks Supervisor River discussed the CIP and is shown as a placeholder at \$500,000 and sanitary sewer needs to be placed there and the other separate project is the play ground element. He discussed a partial match for use with park trust fund dollars and we are looking for a community match to that.

Park Supervisor Riverblood discussed the benefit to the local retailers when a tournament is played and what the community payback is.

Park Supervisor Riverblood also discussed the best way to start the process is for the residents to speak out in support of a new building as part of park dedication monies.

Commissioner Bennett agrees and as a Commission they are in support of this. We need to be creative with the use of volunteers and the Northern Lights Soccer club.

There was discussion of the entire Anoka Ramsey Youth Association participation in the maintenance of this building.

Mr. Kotchi discussed as of right now they host two tournaments and with a building it would attract more tournaments out to this field.

Chairperson Shryock discussed the more state wide tournaments that we can attract and how it would help our future economic growth.

Park Supervisor Riverblood discussed the possibility of creating a task force in support of encouraging this issue to continue.

The consensus of the Commission is to bring this back for discussion in August as a report from Northern Light Soccer.

**Case #5.2: Acknowledge Park Dedication and Trail Fees for the Proposed Stoney River Memory Care/Assisted Living Facility**

Parks Supervisor Riverblood reviewed this is an update on the park and trail dedication the Commission had recommended previously and that staff has routed this matter directly to the Planning Commission with the logical park and trail fee requirements.

Commissioner Shryock stated the trail connection along County Road 5 is an important trail connection.

**Case #5.3: Recommend to City Council to apply for Federal Transportation Enhancement Funding – Mississippi River Trail**

Parks Supervisor Riverblood wanted to report to the Commission that he received a letter from Anoka County stating that they are committing to \$300,000 for year 2016 to local match for this million dollar project.

Motion by Commissioner Minke, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to recommend to City Council that staff be authorized to apply for Federal funding for the Mississippi River Trail.

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

**COMMISSION/STAFF INPUT**

Parks Supervisor Riverblood discussed the four Safe Routes to School programs and that priority one is the connection from Sunwood Drive to the Ramsey Elementary school. Priority two is south of Sunfish Lake Park. Priority three is on County Road 5 to Hwy 47 and Priority four is the Pact Charter School corner.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Commissioner Chubb, seconded by Commissioner Bennett to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried.

The Park and Recreation Commission meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mark Riverblood  
Parks Supervisor