

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

The Ramsey Park and Recreation Commission conducted a regular meeting on March 8, 2012 at the Ramsey Municipal Center, Ramsey, Minnesota.

Commission Members Present: Vice Chair Angela Olsen  
Commissioner Bridgett Barr  
Commissioner Shane Bennett  
Commissioner Richard Chubb  
Commissioner Andrew Fyten  
Commissioner David Minke

Commission Members Absent: Chairperson Melody Shryock (excused)

Also Present: Parks Supervisor Mark Riverblood

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chair Olsen called the Park and Recreation Commission meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**CITIZEN INPUT**

None

**APPROVE AGENDA**

Motion by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Fyten to approve the Park and Recreation Commission meeting agenda as presented.

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

**APPROVE MINUTES**

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

- 1) Park and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes dated February 9, 2012.

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

## **COMMISSION BUSINESS**

### **Case #5.1: Review City Owned Land Inventory**

Parks Supervisor Riverblood reviewed in the staff report that over the past year staff prepared an inventory of City owned land for the purpose of identifying what parcels may be sold. The purpose of this case is to remind the Commission and the Public that now that the inventory is done this will be moving forward incrementally for those various parcels to be considered. One of the parcels deemed underutilized and a candidate for sale is a one-acre corner lot known as Peltzer Park.

Commissioner Bennett asked could you provide insight how staff determined how the park was underutilized.

Parks Supervisor Riverblood responded that is part of the case attachments.

Commissioner Minke asked is there an estimate as to the value of that parcel or the thought of how it would be marketed and the thought the playground be removed and marketed.

Park Supervisor Riverblood stated the County has the value of that property as \$40-46,000, it may not sell for that much, any sale price gets the land back on the tax roll. The play equipment is \$35-45,000. This will be going to City Council on March 27<sup>th</sup> for further discussion.

Commissioner Minke asked what happens if the playground equipment is taken off and the lot doesn't sell for a long time.

Parks Supervisor Riverblood stated the playground equipment could be moved to a higher density area.

Commissioner Barr asked do you know how it is zoned.

Parks Supervisor Riverblood responded it is residential. It is not sewer and water. The lot is buildable.

### **Case #5.2: Ramsey's Environmental Expo**

Park Supervisor stated that the Environmental Expo is April 28<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of this case is to discuss which Commissioners will be available to staff our booth.

Vice Chair Olsen wanted to comment this is a fun event for the entire family, not just the adults.

Commissioner Barr volunteered to staff the booth from 8:30 – 10:15am. Commissioner Minke stated he can do the morning shift as well. Commissioner Bennett stated he can fill in throughout the day whenever needed.

Vice Chair Olsen commented that Chairperson Shryock needs to find out the schedule of a prior engagement as well as herself, but outside that window Vice Chair Olsen stated she could be available most of the day.

Commissioner Fyten stated he is available most of the day also.

Commissioner Chubb stated it depends on the staffing of the Happy Days booth.

Commissioner Minke asked about assistance with the set up.

Parks Supervisor Riverblood stated to communicate any needs to him through email correspondence but otherwise he will have things set up and he commented that he would also like to show the *GoAnokaCounty* demonstrations.

Commissioner Minke asked if the County has any instruction or informational cards on *GoAnokaCounty*.

Commissioner Bennett stated additionally it would be a good opportunity to highlight the programs that really got rolling last year with the bikes and canoes and kayaks.

### **Commission Staff/Input**

Park Supervisor Riverblood wanted to report that North Commons continues to move forward. The HRA approved some relocation of fill into the park and authorized staff to move forward to obtain a trail easement.

The 2011-2012 skating season had 5792 participants between the two pleasure rinks.

The Anoka Ramsey Youth Athletics has 757 baseball registrants, softball looks about the same and will probably end up with up about 775-780. There is no report on soccer registration yet. We have 5-6 Lacrosse teams using Anoka fields this year but will be using our goals at the Ramsey Elementary. Pact Charter School has the same number of kids of each number of their sports with the exception of adding a junior varsity baseball team.

April Agenda items will be finalizing the Environmental Expo and setting the summer meeting schedule.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Motion carried.

The Park and Recreation Commission meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mark Riverblood  
Parks Supervisor

*Drafted by Mary Jo Warner*  
City of Ramsey Public Works Secretary