

**City of Moorhead  
Park Advisory Board  
Meeting Minutes  
January 24, 2012  
1st Floor, Council Chambers, Moorhead City Hall**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Park Advisory Board was held in the 1st Floor, Council Chambers, Moorhead City Hall, on January 24, 2012, at 4:00 PM.

**Roll call of the members was made as follows:**

Board Member:	Sharon Ferris	Present
Board Member:	Brad Leeser	Present
Board Member:	Kay Litch	Present
Board Member:	Cassandra Lougheed	Present
Board Member:	Larry Seljevold	Present
Board Member:	Janeen Stenso	Absent
3rd Ward Council Member:	Brenda Elmer	Present
1st Ward Council Member Alternate:	Nancy Otto	Absent

1. [Call To Order/Roll Call](#)
2. [Recognitions/Presentations/Introductions](#)

Two new members, Sharon Ferris from Ward 2 and Kay Litch as a Citizen at Large, were introduced and welcomed to the Park Advisory Board

3. **Approve Meeting Minutes**

a [November 15, 2011](#)

**Motion made to Approve made by Brad Leeser and seconded by Brenda Elmer**  
*For: 6; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 1*

4. [Citizens Addressing the Board](#)
5. [Agenda Amendments](#)
6. [Matson Field Renovations](#)

Architect Del Jordahl and Jeff Miller chairperson of the *Field of Dreams Committee* were present to update the PAB on the progress of the renovations at Matson Field. In 2007, renovations to the dugouts and grandstand area began at Matson Field with fund raising provided by the *Field of Dreams Committee*. The renovations were to include three phases. Phase one included demolition of the grandstand, improvements to the dugouts including the drainage system, a retaining wall, and upgraded backstop netting. The cost of phase one was estimated at \$350,000. Partial funding was provided for phase one by the City of Moorhead, in the amount of \$150,000, with another \$50,000 coming from the FMCVB, along with other fundraising efforts from the *Field of Dreams Committee*.

As a result of the slow economy, only phase one has been completed. Phases two and three include a new grandstand that is handicapped accessible, plaza area, additional lighting, locker rooms, etc. Since the renovations began, the plans have been scaled back primarily in the grandstand and seating area. Under the new plans the completion of seating, walkways and site lighting has a total cost estimate of \$460,000-\$520,000. Adding in the high priority options

which include a new scoreboard, free standing ticket booth, and enclosing the area underneath the seating, which would increase the estimated total to \$590,000-\$660,000. The low priority options which include a canopy over the seating and a locker room facility that would bring the estimated total to \$800,000-\$900,000 for the complete project.

The *Field of Dreams Committee* questioned whether the City would be able to provide additional funding for the remaining phases. It was suggested that the *Field of Dreams Committee* may want to present their project to the Moorhead City Council at a future Committee of the Whole meeting. There is currently no money set aside in the 2012 City Budget or Capital Improvement Fund for these improvements.

7. [New Program Offerings](#)

Staff announced that new recreation programs are being offered to the public in 2012 . The Recreation Division began offering adult fitness classes in the fall and will be expanding those classes into the spring and summer seasons. There will also be a Sports Sampler available to youth ages 4-6 beginning this summer.

8. [Information/Update](#)

a [Polar Party/Celtic Festival](#)

b 2012 Budget Materials

PAB members were given updated Fee Schedules, Capital Improvement and Long Term Project handouts to update their PAB Member Handbooks. In the future, staff plans on providing this information in e-binders.

9. [Adjourn](#)

*Respectfully submitted by:*  
Karen Stremick