

**City of Moorhead
Park Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
April 19, 2011
Council Chambers, Moorhead City Hall**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Park Advisory Board was held in the Council Chambers, Moorhead City Hall, on April 19, 2011, at 4:00 PM.

Roll call of the members was made as follows:

Board Member:	Randy Bach	Present
Board Member:	Heidi Durand	Absent
Board Member:	Janeen Stenso	Present
Board Member:	Rick Stotts	Present
Board Chairman:	Larry Seljevold	Present
2nd Ward Council Member:	Mark Altenburg	Present

Others Present:

Holly Heitkamp, Recreation Division Manager
Larry Anderson, Parks/Forestry Division Manager
Karen Stremick, Office Specialist
Tara Ekren, Special Events Coordinator

Visitors Present:

Joey Schmidt, Disc Golf
Pete Karl, Disc Golf
Jim Cermack, Gooseberry Park Players
Duane Lahlum, Gooseberry Park Players

- 1. Call To Order/Roll Call**
- 2. Recognitions/Presentations/Introductions**
- 3. Approve Meeting Minutes**

a February 15, 2011

Motion to Approve PAB meeting minutes from February 15, 2011 made by Mark Altenburg and seconded by Randy Bach

Motion Passed: For: 6; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0

- 4. Citizens Addressing the Board**
- 5. Agenda Amendments**

Heitkamp requested that a discussion regarding Soccer fees be added as agenda item number 9. Member Altenburg requested an agenda amendment to receive an update on neighborhood gardens be added as agenda item number 10.

Motion to add soccer fees as agenda item number 9 and community gardens as agenda item number 10 was made by Randy Bach and seconded by Larry Seljevold

Motion Passed: For: 6; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0

6. Moorhead Community Volunteers

Tara Ekren, Special Event Coordinator with the Moorhead Parks and Recreation Department presented the PAB with information regarding community volunteers, as requested at the February 15, 2011 by Council Member Alternate Brenda Elmer. Ekren informed the PAB that the Park Department currently utilizes approximately 450 volunteers in areas including but not limited to youth coaches, youth summer program instructors, junior golf instructors, golf course rangers, festival and event workers, Adopt-A-Park, Adopt-A-River, Comstock House, Senior Center, Festivals, and flower bed maintenance. Recruiting for volunteers is advertised in the semi-annual Parks and Recreation Brochure, First Link, RSVP, and area colleges. Suggestions for additional recruitment included speaking to all area service groups. Currently the Kiwanis, and the Rotary are the only service groups we speak with annually.

The Park Division tries to recognize all volunteers. Past recognition has included volunteer recognition luncheons, vouchers to area events, passes to Parks and Recreation events/facilities and signage recognizing the individual or organization at the park location.

7. Woodlawn Disc Golf Course

Joey Schmidt and Pete Karl, representing the disc golf community, presented the draft layout of the new Disc Golf Course in Woodlawn Park. The redesign of this course included; moving hole-one from the south end of the park to the north end, using area to the West of Woodlawn Park Drive and an enlarged parking area on the North end. The redesign was posted on the Disc Golf website to gain feedback. The Woodlawn Neighborhood Group was also contacted to gain additional feedback. As a result of the new design, there could be additional tournaments at the Woodlawn course. Actual work will start after the flood waters recede in Woodlawn Park. Initially, the course will be put in temporarily with additional feedback encouraged. It will then be placed permanently.

8. Gooseberry Park Players

Duane Lahlum-VP of Gooseberry Park Players Board of Directors

As a recipient of funding from the City of Moorhead, the PAB requested the Gooseberry Park Players present a summary of their activities. Jim Cermak and Duane Lahlum provided a presentation with general information on the Gooseberry Park Players. The plays include youth ages 11-18 and all performances and practices are held at Concordia College during the months of June and July. They have seven shows and average 2,250 people per show. Approximately 45-65 youth participate in classic or contemporary performances each season. Performances are chosen to invoke learning-cultural messages and aim to instill experiences in group dynamics, self confidence, dance, carpentry, sewing, just to name a few. Volunteers average 3,800 hours per season in many areas including set construction. Funding sources for the productions include Moorhead Parks and Recreation, grants, donations, silent actions and ticket sales. Concordia College offers the use of their facility at a reduced rate.

9. Soccer Fees

Motion made to Discuss Soccer Fees by Mark Altenburg and seconded by Randy Bach

Soccer Fees

Motion Passed: For: 6; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0

Moorhead Youth Soccer in conjunction with Fargo and West Fargo soccer clubs offers a Tri-City Soccer Tournament. Moorhead Youth Soccer has requested that the per player charge for the tournament be reduced to \$8.75. Currently they are charged \$9.50 per player during tournaments which is the City Council Approved rate in Moorhead. The \$8.75 would match the rates currently charged by Fargo and West Fargo. Moorhead's fees have been increasing at a rate of 3% annually while Fargo and West Fargo's have not. The rate would only be in effect during Tournaments and events sponsored by all three Cities.

Motion made to Approve a decrease in the tournament per player rate to \$8.75 during tournaments sponsored by all three cities was made by Mark Altenburg and seconded by Randy Bach

Motion Passed: For: 6; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0

10. Community Gardens

The committee met regarding the establishment of Community Gardens and decided an organization other than the City should manage the gardens and the City could lease them land. Centro Cultural may have interest in proceeding with renting the land from the City. This will be discussed at the may 5th Centro Cultural Board Meeting. Other Issues discussed were location, liability, vandalism and costs. The committee's goal is to complete all planning during the 2011 growing season and be ready to plant in the spring of 2012.

11. Information/Update

- a Golf Specials
- b Moorhead Ice Show Summary
- c Celtic Festival Summary
- d Newspaper Articles
- i Golf Courses

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*Respectfully submitted by:
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