

# MINUTES OF RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM

APRIL 30, 2014 – 4:00 P.M.

Committee Members Present: Councilor Martin Pepin, Chair  
Councilors Marcel Hebert, Brian Tapscott

Administration/staff Present: City Manager Bob Belmore  
Director of Planning/Development Services Dave Sharples  
City Clerk Diane DuBois

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Chairman Pepin called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Tapscott moved to approve the minutes of the 2/04/14 meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Hebert and passed 3-0.

## UPDATES ON PARK IMPROVEMENTS

### Noble Pines Park:

City Manager Belmore mentioned that the resolution to demolish the former police station and create a park has been amended to include a proposal to make certain improvements to the Noble Pines Park. It has been referred to the Finance Committee for funding.

Director Sharples noted there are 3 elements to the Noble Pines improvements: an esplanade (8' wide walkway); a new backstop; new seating. The total cost would be \$43,000.

The City Manager indicated all the numbers we have are estimates. We have not gone out to bid.

Councilor Pepin asked how the skateboard park is coming. Director Sharples replied it will be finished next week. It should be open at the same time as the splash pad, around 6/24/14.

### Mast Point Dam:

City Manager Belmore said this park will undergo significant improvements as part of a Land and Water Conservation Fund grant. The City will start the project as soon as we get the authorization to do so. Volunteers from Liberty Mutual will be out there on 5/08/14 to perform some trail clearing.

Willand Pond:

City Manager Belmore said the bridges over the wetlands that were destroyed by the floods have been reconstructed with the exception of a few sections of bridge and the ramps. These remaining items will be done by the Liberty Mutual volunteers on 05/08/14. Also, David Brackett is rehabilitating the old bear cage and making several other improvements at the park as part of his Eagle Scout project.

Ash Street Park:

Director Sharples said the City received \$6,000 from the Housing Authority to make improvements to the park. Due to current DPW staffing levels, they are unable to schedule the work at this time. They will be contacting some landscapers to see what it would cost to have the work done.

Jules Bisson:

Director Sharples said they will be installing new decking on the bleacher.

Millennium Park:

The City Manager said a resolution will be introduced at the next Council meeting regarding the City Council providing the developer the ability to put sewer lines across the park area. The developer has agreed to perform numerous upgrades including the following:

- Sidewalk access from proposed new roadway into the park.
- Improved vehicular access by lowering the grade of the driveway at Stackpole Road.
- Regrading and adding gravel to existing parking area.
- A new swing set with wood fiber base.
- Upgrades to the existing seating.
- Improved ball field drainage.
- Removal of the horseshoe pits.
- Scraping and painting ball field lights and repair concrete bases as necessary.
- Rehab of interior of the existing bathhouse and connecting it to municipal sewer.

Updates on Recreation Programs:

Director Sharples said Hershey Track & Field will start next month. Fliers will be sent home at school. This is a national program. They have received their first summer camp registration. They will have a senior walking program starting in two weeks, which will be 3 days per week. The Easter Egg Hunt was a big success.

City Manager Belmore said they have received about 17 applications for the Recreation Director position. They will be conducting interviews in a week or so.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Tapscott moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilor Hebert and passed 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Diane M. DuBois  
City Clerk