PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Monday, March 15, 2010
Hall of Fame Room

Present: Alderpersons Paul Lawrence, Sonny Swangstu, and Parks and Recreation Director Tom Lynch
Absent and Excused: Rollie Odland
Guests: Eric Moe, Eric Sperloen, Justin Moore

1. Call to Order
Meeting called to order by Swangstu at 6:00 PM.

2. Approval of Minutes for February 15, 2010
Motion by Lawrence, seconded by Swangstu, to approve the minutes from February 15, 2010. Motion passed 2-0 (w/o quorum).

3. Home Talent Basebal at Norse Park
Justin Moore and Eric Sperloen from the Stoughton Merchants Home Talent Baseball Team are requesting that their games on Sundays and Thursdays be played at Norse Park for 2010. They are interested in applying for a beer permit and selling concessions. They would use the current storage building if available or build a new structure if necessary. Concessions would be operated from a tent with tables. In right field they would raise the fence height to 15' for resident home run protection. They also want to extend the dugout benches or replace them. Their overall goal is to make baseball more fan friendly.

Lynch raised questions about restroom use during shelter reservations, protection of children on the playground and the chance for increased home runs into the residential homes. The committee was satisfied with the proposed solutions.

Lynch will forward information on gaining a permit for the selling of beer at the games. Home Talent will meet with Sean Brusegar to discuss field maintenance.

Motion by Lawrence, seconded by Swangstu, to direct staff to work with Home Talent Baseball for play, concession, and beer sales at Norse Park for 2010. Motion passed 2-0 (w/o quorum).

4. Policy of Parks and Recreation Advertising
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Motion by Lawrence, seconded by Swangstu, to recommend to Council to approve the Policy for Parks and Recreation Advertising pending approval from the City Attorney. Motion passed 2-0 (w/o quorum).

5. Community Garden Options
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Motion by Lawrence, seconded by Swangstu, to recommend to Council to use $800 from the Park Development Fund and accept the plan and general information packet for creating a community garden at Lowell Park, pending approval of a conditional use application. Motion passed 2-0 (w/o quorum)

6. Future Agenda Items
Contracts with Sport groups

Motion to adjourn at 7:00 by Lawrence, seconded by Swangstu. Motion passed 2-0.

Items for Finance

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