

Chaska Park Board
Minutes
August 9, 2010

The August meeting was called to order by Chairman Bostrom at 7 P.M. at the CCC.

Present: Nate Bostrom, Jonathan Grau, Nicholas Mason, Lyle Merdan, Tom Skoogman, Dave Roan, and Jack Spizale.

Absent: Greg Johnson and Joseph Maloney

Staff present: Kathy Skinner and Tom Redman

VISITOR PRESENTATION

No one appeared under visitor presentation.

CHASKA PARK BOARD MINUTES

Motion by Mason, second by Grau to approve the June 14, 2010 Chaska Park Board minutes with corrections of Brain to Brian, incite to invite and elimination of sentence that references the area is also suggested for ultimate recreational use. Motion carried.

Motion by Skoogman, second by Spizale to accept the July Chaska City Council and Planning Commission minutes. Motion carried. Question raised on criteria of Livabale Community grant.

CHASKA ATHLETIC PARK

The computerized drawing of the Chaska Athletic park grandstand/concession area renovation grant through the Minnesota Historical Society was reviewed. Meetings are being held with RJM, 292 Design Group, and city staff to allow for a September 1 start. The project is expected to be completed by the end of 2010.

Hosington Koegler has been contracted with to work with the community, Cubs Baseball Board, and the city staff to create a master plan for Athletic Park. This work will include the baseball field area in addition to the 8 acres donated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to the city of Chaska located between the ballfield and rail road tracks.

Staff indicated that the Chaska Cubs Baseball Board is having meetings and deliberating as to what their role is as it relates to amateur baseball, community, and Athletic Park. The City of Chaska remains committed to all capital improvements in addition to park maintenance, field scheduling, and operations in a manner that is necessary to serve the total Chaska community. The Chaska Cubs Baseball Boards primary function has been the concession stand in addition to field maintenance and being "Good Will Ambassadors" for the City of Chaska. They also oversee the Chaska Cubs Baseball team.

LET'S GO FISHING CHASKA CHAPTER

Staff informed the board that the Chaska Area Chapter of Let's Go Fishing continues to go very well. A video was shown that highlighted the intergenerational aspects of the program that the Chaska volunteers have incorporated into their program. Plans were presented to the board showing how the youth portion will be expanded next year.

CCC 2010-2011 ICE RATES

Copy of the ice rate survey compiled by Arena Manager, Jason Kirsch was distributed and reviewed to the board. Comparisons were made to the Lake Conference average and area arena averages. The CCC prime time rate has been increased from \$185 per hour to \$190 per hour and the non-prime time rate has been increased from \$140 per hour to \$145 per hour. These rates continue to keep the CCC slightly below both the Lake Conference and area arena averages.

LEGACY FUNDING

Chairman Bostrom and staff updated the board as to the opportunities that may exist in the future as it relates to the City of Chaska and legacy grant dollars. Areas where resources may be available include parks, trails, arts, and historical. Staff is currently researching Legacy funding opportunities. It is anticipated that the City of Chaska interest will best be served by looking at a number of different projects within our community and then selecting one that can be pursued which will have the greatest impact for all Chaska residents. Some discussion was also held as to what the process will be for encouraging and allowing for participation from different groups within our community. Indication was given that the Park Board will be involved and that information will be shared as it becomes available.

OTHER BUSINESS AND REPORTS

- + The new sign has been installed at Chaska Veterans Park. Staff has met with the Legion and VFW to determine their interest in a memorial as designed for the park.
- + Little Dance in Chaska is scheduled for August 21st at McKnight Park in Chaska sponsored by the Jonathan Association and the Chaska Park and Recreation Department.
- + The fall-winter CCC Park and Recreation brochure was distributed to the board.
- + Touch-A-Truck scheduled for Thursday, August 19 at the CCC with the Park Board members invited to work as volunteers.
- + Report by board member Roan on Down Town Task Force.
- + Interest shown in joint Park Board and City Council meetings or work sessions.
- + Indoor bubble.
- + August 2010 CCC and Lodge Calendars
- + Park Board shirts
- + Board member Spizale noted that he had been swimming at the Chaska Clayhole and it was a memorable experience with comment made that the life guards do a good job.

Motion by Mason, second by Roan to adjourn the August 2010 meeting of the Chaska Park Board. Motion carried.