

Chaska Park Board
Minutes
Monday, May 10, 2010

The may 2010 Chaska Park Board meeting was called to order by Chairman Bostrom at 7 P.M. in The Lodge.

Members present: Nate Bostrom, Jonathan Grau, Greg Johnson, Joseph Maloney, Nicholas Mason, Dave Roan, and Jack Spizale.

Members Absent: Lyle Merdan and Tom Skoogman

Staff present: Kathy Skinner and Tom Redman

VISITOR PRESENTATION

No one appeared under visitor presentation.

MINUTES

Motion by Johnson, second by Maloney to approve the Chaska Park Board minutes of April 12, 2010. Motion carried.

Motion by Spizale, second by Grau to accept the April Chaska City Council and Planning Commission minutes. Motion carried.

LET'S GO FISHING CHASKA CHAPTER

Staff overviewed the Chaska Area Chapter of Let's Go Fishing. The grand opening is scheduled for Tuesday, May 11 at The Lodge. The program has proven to be a huge success even before the first pontoon trip. Nearly 100 individuals have stepped forward to volunteer in all different areas from being captains, to hospitality, to equipment to maintenance. Nearly \$45,000 has been generated in sponsor pledges with a 3 year budget of \$75,000 having been set by the volunteer board. Individuals and group dates are now on-line and can be viewed at the Chaska LGF website at lgfchaska.org. Staff involvement has been significant to help get the chapter on its feet including Karen Campbell, Jason Kirsch, Joan Seedorf, Kathy Skinner, and Amy Loomis. Staff has met with state LGF officials to look at the Chaska Chapter becoming the model for the youth intergenerational opportunities.

SOUTH WEST TRANSIT CHASKA ROUTE SUMMER OF 2010

Park and Recreation staff is working with SW metro Transit to publicize and take advantage of their intentions to provide busing in Chaska for the summer of 2010. The draft bus route map was shown to the Park Board. The route includes such destinations for Chaska residents including the CCC, golf courses, swimming beach, and numerous parks. S.W. Transit has agreed to partner with parks and Recreation for the May edition of Chaska Today.

CHASKA ATHLETIC PARK

The Park Board was updated as to the status of the Athletic Park grant. Note was made that the city is looking at working with Hosington Koegler to produce an Athletic Park Master Plan that would parallel the concessions grandstands renovations. The Chaska Cubs Baseball Board is working with Park and Recreation staff for both the grant and the master plan.

OLD TOWN TASK FORCE

Dave Roan who is the Chaska Park Boards representative to the Old Town task force gave an overview of the progress to date. Suggestion was made that the Chaska park Board have an opportunity at the early stages to actually review and participate in making suggestions for that having to do with parks, trails, and community gathering opportunities for this part of Chaska.

VISIONING FOR CHASKA PARKS AND RECREATION

At last months meeting the discussion started regarding what the short term and long term goals of the Chaska Park Board may be. These topics included;

- + Community Dog park
- + Outdoor community swimming pool
- + Preserve and expand Chaska Firemen's Park as a community gathering place.
- + Shooting range
- + An expansion or focus on community arts including the Arts in Public Places program and the multitude of artistic offerings at the CCC.
- + 2009 Commitment to Community recommendation
- + "Make Chaska Your Retirement Community"
- + Partnering with Hazeltine national for outdoor recreational fields and parking needs for Hazeltine.

Other adds made at the meeting included an amphitheater that could be added to the arts area, frisbee golf, community gardens (both vegetable and spiritual), and trails that provide connections/loops.

After considerable discussion the item was tabled until the June meeting with the Chaska Dog Park, outdoor swimming pool and Firemen's Park receiving the most discussion.

OTHER BUSINESS

- + April Lodge and CCC calendars
- + Need to select a vice-chair of the Park Board at the June meeting.
- + Question on process for increasing ice rates at the CCC.
- + Question on Firemen's Park play equipment as referenced under other business at a prior city council meeting.

Motion by Spizole, second by Johnson to adjourn the May 10, 2010 meeting of the Chaska Park Board. Motion carried.