

BRAINERD PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Regular Park Board Meeting
Tuesday, May 26, 2009 at 3:30 p.m.
Brainerd City Hall Conference Room

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of Consent Calendar

(All matters listed in this form are considered routine by the board and will be enacted by one motion.)

- A. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held April 27, 2009, as distributed
- B. Approval of the disbursements for the month of May 2009

III. Old Business

IV. New Business

- A. College Drive
- B. Boulevard Maintenance
- C. Garfield Lots
- D. Mill Avenue Field #7

V. Director's Report

VI. Public Forum

VII. Additions to Agenda

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Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the regular meeting of the
Parks and Recreation Board was called to order at 3:30 p.m.

Present were Chairman Marty Johnson, Greg Roberts, Howard "Jiggs" Blanck, Barbara Egan, City Council Liaison Anne Nelson Fisher and Park Director Wayne Mooney. Also in attendance were Chad Hausmann from WSB, City Planner Mark Ostgarden and Councilwoman Bonnie Cumberland. Brian Phelps was noted absent.

**MOVED AND SECONDED BY ROBERTS AND EGAN,
DULY CARRIED TO APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR AS PRESENTED**

- A. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held April 27, 2009**
- B. Approval of the disbursements for the month of May 2009**

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

A. College Drive

WSB Project Manager Chad Hausmann was in attendance to request a recommendation from the Park Board pertaining to the College Drive expansion project by Kiwanis Park. Due to federal regulations, any federally funded park land affected by a federally funded transportation project must be replaced by land of at least fair market value of the lost property, and provide reasonably equivalent usefulness. WSB proposed to mitigate the loss of 2,266 square feet of Kiwanis Park by turning back 2,737 square feet of excess College Drive right of way. Following a brief discussion, board members agreed to the land trade. Ms. Egan made a motion that the proposed mitigation enhancement for the College Drive project is agreeable to the Park Board. Mr. Roberts seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

B. Boulevard Maintenance

The question of Park Board authority to remove signs on boulevards has been discussed at past Park Board meetings. Mr. Blanck raised the question at the May 18 Safety and Public Works Committee meeting, and at the May 18 City Council meeting action was taken to refer the matter back to the Park Board for the request to be made in writing from the Park Board. Mr. Blanck reported that the City Attorney said the City Charter conflicts with itself by stating that both the Parks Department and the City Council have authority over boulevards. The majority of references in the charter pertain to Council. Mr. Johnson wanted to know who receives complaints, how many we get, and if there was a compliance officer to police for violations. Ms. Cumberland commented that she mainly gets calls on mowing grass. Mr. Ostgarden added that he doesn't get phone calls regarding signs, except from Mr. Blanck. Ms. Cumberland reiterated that the Council needs a letter stating that the Parks Department is either willing to take care of this, or doesn't have the staff/funds to do it. Mr. Ostgarden responded that the elected officials need to designate a department to be responsible. Mr. Blanck made a motion to write a letter to the council asking for council to designate the Parks Department to handle policing the boulevards. Mr. Roberts seconded. After further discussion, Mr. Roberts withdrew his second. The motion did not pass due to lack of a second.

C. Garfield Lots

Director Mooney received a price quote of \$7,560 for 4' perimeter fencing and two 8' backstops for the Garfield lots. The Board would like Mr. Mooney to get another quote for four 10' backstops with three 10' sections of fencing each, without perimeter fencing.

D. Mill Avenue Field #7

The Park Board and department staff want to convert the youth softball field at Mill Avenue Park into an adult softball field in order to expand the adult leagues. To accomplish this, the outfield fence needs to be moved back about 60 feet, and the height increased in two areas to keep softballs from going into the ponds. In addition, home plate, the backstop, and the infield all need to be moved to add another 30 feet. Costs for the fencing and additional infield material are estimated to be \$9,300-\$11,300. Maintenance staff would do the labor. Mr. Blanck suggested that Director Mooney contact the softball association about holding fundraisers to help with the cost. Item was tabled indefinitely.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Mooney touched on a few items from his monthly report: The Lunkers' opening night is coming up on May 28, internet service was added at the Lum Park Campground, beverage machines have been placed at several parks, and new center aisle handrails were installed at the Mills Field Stadium.

PUBLIC FORUM

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

NEXT MEETING

Monday, June 29, 2009 at 3:30 p.m. in the conference room at City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made at 4:40 p.m. by Mr. Roberts. Ms. Egan seconded.

Respectfully submitted,



Kim Finch, Administrative Specialist