

**BELLE PLAINE PARK BOARD  
REGULAR SESSION  
OCTOBER 22, 2007**

**1. CALL TO ORDER. 1.1. Roll Call.**

The Belle Plaine Park Board met in Regular Session of Monday, October 22, 2007, in the Government Center at 218 North Meridian Street, Belle Plaine, Minnesota. Chair Chuck Jacobs called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with Commissioners Chris Kehr, Michelle Gransee-Bowman, Dan Gardner, Cary Coop and Alternate Jenna Tuma present. Also present were Council liaisons Tim O'Laughlin and Tim Lies.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.**

MOTION by Gardner, second by Coop, to approve the agenda as presented. ALL VOTED AYE.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES. 3.1. Regular Session Minutes of September 24, 2007.**

MOTION by Gardner, second by Kehr, to approve the Regular Session Minutes of September 24, 2007 as presented. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

**4. Business.**

**4.1. Bicycle Advocate Group.**

Michelle Gransee-Bowman will contact the bicycle advocate group to make arrangements for a consultant to meet with members of the Park Board to discuss issues related to bicyclists, such as bicycle lanes, trail funding and safety issues. Gransee-Bowman will advise of potential meeting dates and Park Board will be invited accordingly. Tuma commented that at the Three Rivers District, trails are typically 10 feet wide to allow for multi-use.

**4.2. Hickory Park.**

**4.2. 1. Hickory Park Ice Skating Rink.**

At the last meeting, the Commissioners requested that staff speak with the Public Works Superintendent Fahey regarding his input on an ice skating rink. Fahey endorses a concrete base and small, pond hockey boards that will help form the ice. A meeting will be held with a vendor, Becker Arena, on Tuesday, October 23 at 3:00 p.m. at Hickory Park. Information will be forwarded to the Commissioners about pond hockey boards and estimated cost when it becomes available. Lies provided an update about the Hockey Rink – near the High School. Volunteers have offered to refurbish the ice hockey boards and the materials will be provided at City expense, estimated at \$6,700.

**4.2.2. Hickory Park Playground Equipment.**

MOTION by Kehr, second by Gardner, to form a sub-committee consisting of Kehr, Gardner and Gransee-Bowman to research playground equipment for Hickory Park. Krings to serve as liaison. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

**4.3. Update on Riverview Park.**

Staff reported that Jim and Blaine Waters of Quest Development met with Community Development Director Rosenfeld and Administrative Assistant Krings. The developers have asked for consideration to develop Riverview Park as soon as possible. Applied Ecological Services has finished the concept plan Riverview Park and the drawings and information were distributed to the Commissioners. AES has also

included an estimated cost of \$17,173.40 over a three year period for the implementation of the plan. It was noted that the cost did not include turf installation, path construction or playground equipment. The Commissioners reviewed the concept plan and estimated costs. The Commissioners noted the trail and commented that it would be consist of crushed rock or wood chips, rather than concrete. The phasing of the park improvement was discussed. It was noted that the implementation would be added to the Park Work Plan List, following Hickory Park.

MOTION by Gardner, second by Gransee-Bowman, to recommend that the City Council adopt the concept plan for Riverview Park, with implementation to be scheduled at a future time. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

#### **4.4. Update on the Scott County 2030 Comp Plan – Parks and Trails.**

Gransee-Bowman explained that she, Krings, and Community Development Director Rosenfeld attended the meeting held on the 2030 Scott County Parks and Trails Plan on October 18, 2007 at the Jordan Golf Course. The City's trail plan was incorporated. An open house will be held on Tuesday, October 23, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the Prior Lake High School for the Scott County Parks and Trails Plan.

#### **4.5. Connectivity Work Plan.**

The Commissioners would like to pursue the preparation of a sidewalk/trail map to indicate connectivity. Tuma suggested that staff contact the Scott County GIS department about ideas for implementation. Coop noted that DNR may be considering upgrading the DNR trail system and recommended that staff research this issue.

#### **4.6. Long Term Parks Plan – Parks CIP.**

The Commissioners reviewed the Parks CIP. Bluff Ridge, Century, Chatfield, Court and Fountain parks were discussed. Staff will meet with the Public Works Superintendent about the recommendations. The remaining parks will be discussed at the next meeting.

In other business, O'Laughlin commented on the lack of street lighting at Heritage Park. O'Laughlin stated that there were no lights around the perimeter nor any lights within Heritage Park, which may cause safety concerns. Lies will bring this issue forward at the upcoming Public Works Committee meeting.

Jacobs asked that more "pet waste stations" be added to other city parks and trails.

Staff advised that the City was unsuccessful in its bid for the American Greenways Grant.

### **5. ADMINISTRATION.**

#### **5.1. Upcoming Meetings.**

- 1. Becker Arena Products – Representative for Pond Hockey, 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 23 at Hickory Park.**
- 2. Scott County Comp Plan – October 23 at 7:00 p.m. Prior Lake High School.**
- 3. Next Regular Meeting – 5:30 p.m. Monday, November 26.**
- 4. December Meeting – to be determined.**

The Commissioners were reminded of the upcoming meetings. It was the consensus of the Commissioners to cancel the December Park Board Meeting.

### **6. ADJOURNMENT.**

Chair Jacobs adjourned the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Patricia Krings

Recording Secretary