

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Hudlow at 6:17 p.m.

Roll Call

Roll call was taken. The following members were present: Hudlow, Edeburn and Lucarelli. Absent: Seymour and Renz. Also in attendance were: Parks Employee Desens and Administrator Carswell.

Approve minutes May 2, 2011 and June 7, 2011

Motion was made by Edeburn, seconded by Lucarelli to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2011 meeting and the June 7, 2011 special meeting.

MOTION CARRIED-VOTING IN FAVOR: EDEBURN, HUDLOW AND LUCARELLI.

Review concept design plans/Parkwood Park

Stuart Krahn of Bonestroo presented three concept design plans for the Parkwood Park. The park designs included the elements that the Parkwood resident requested. The commission reviewed each plan.

There was discussion about the cost of installing and maintaining tennis courts and since this was low on the list from the neighbors it was removed from the plan. Hudlow noted that the softball/baseball field is needed in the city as there are not enough fields for the summer ball program. There was a discussion about the back field fence being included and making note of this on the plans so it was understood by residents.

The commission discussed all of the elements in the designs and decided to present two concept plans for review at the open house. The residents will be asked to vote on the plan they prefer and make note on one or two things they would change in this plan.

The commission discussed phases and costs, but this was not part of the design proposal and will be part of the park commission's discussion after a concept plan is approved by the city. The first element to be installed in the park will be a playground.

The commission decided to hold an open house to unveil the two concept plans on August 22, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lions Building in Riverside Park.

MOTION was made by Edeburn, seconded by Hudlow to authorize Bonestroo to revise two concept plans to include the information agreed upon for review at the open house on August 22, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Lions Building at Riverside park.

MOTION CARRIED-VOTING IN FAVOR: EDEBURN, HUDLOW AND LUCARELLI.

Freedom Park

Information was provided for the proposed location for Freedom Park along Mechanic Street adjacent to the Crow River. The Rockford Lions have expressed interest in helping design this park and providing a Veteran's Memorial. Staff also provided the original plans from the Freedom Park that the High School students, JAG and Crow River Pride installed that was on the corner of Bridge and Mechanic Street. The park was removed due to the flood levee taking over the space.

No action was taken and this will be discussed at the next meeting on October 3, 2011.

Financial Report

Staff provided a financial report of the Park Dedication fund. The fund balance of Fund 413 is \$152,531. There have been no expenses in this fund this year. The revenues year to date include: antenna rent, Roundup and Lennar Homes park dedication.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by Edeburn, seconded by Hudlow.
The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Submitted by:
Nancy Carswell
Administrator