

The special park and recreation commission meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the council chambers of city hall, 6031 Main Street, Rockford, MN.

Roll Call

The following members were present: Renz, Hudlow, Lucarelli and Seymour. Absent: Edeburn. Also in attendance were: Parks Maintenance employee Desens, and Administrator Carswell.

Presentation- Landscape Structures/Flagship-Grant DesRoches

The city asked two vendors to present playground equipment and costs for the Parkwood Park. Grant DesRoches presented two options for the playground area. One of the options was using the Evo structures, which some of the commission members did not like. The other option was more traditional large play structure for ages 5-12. The other features in this plan includes a Cozy Dome for ages 2-5, saddle spinner, lunar burst climbing net wall, swing set with 4 seats and a sandbox with two super scoops one that is handicap accessible. The equipment is on the state bid for 2011. The estimated cost for the first phase was \$40,000 and the second phase was \$20,000. The netting on the climber was shown to the commission and noted that this is a very strong material.

Mr. DesRoches showed the construction of the posts in this equipment and noted the high grade primers and paint on the posts. This equipment is manufactured in the City of Delano which is a local and no shipping costs would be included with this equipment. The equipment would be installed in two phases.

Presentation-Game Time/MN Wisconsin/Harlan Lehman

Harlan Lehman presented information about the cost savings on the Game Time equipment and noted that the city was awarded a grant which is a discount on the equipment of up to \$26,000. Mr. Lehman showed a post from Game Time equipment and noted that the holes are pre-drilled for easy installation. There were many options that we reviewed from Game time that had all of the features the park commission was looking at. However, the commission felt that the 2-5 year old equipment was lacking. Lehman noted that the structure includes small slides for 2-5 years olds and noted that the city could add a car and sandbox with diggers. The park commission asked Mr. Lehman to submit a cost for the: Double Dizzy, tire swing, tilted sky runner, 4 swing set, sandbox, 2 diggers and a car for ages 2-5.

After the last presentation staff suggested that the park commission comes up with a recommendation for playground equipment that will be submitted to the city council for final approval. The quotes for all of the equipment were to be emailed to city hall the next day from Game Time and that would be forwarded to the commission members.

Parkwood Park Design Option #1

The park commission reviewed the upgraded Parkwood design that they preferred showing the gazebo farther north than the original design. The design option includes: playground, volleyball/basketball courts, baseball field, picnic area, a shelter and a gazebo.

MOTION was made by Hudlow, seconded by Lucarelli to recommend Parkwood Park design option #1 be approved.

MOTION CARRIED-VOTING IN FAVOR- RENZ, HUDLOW, LUCARELLI AND SEYMOUR.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by Hudlow, seconded by Seymour to adjourn.

MOTION CARRIED-VOTING IN FAVOR- RENZ, HUDLOW, LUCARELLI AND SEYMOUR.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.