

PARK & RECREATION MEETING November 7, 2011

The November 7th 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: Rentz, Hudlow, Lucarelli and Seymour. Absent: Edeburn. Also in attendance were: Council Liaison Hafften and City Staff Elsen.

Approve October 18th minutes

MOTION was made by Hudlow and seconded by Seymour to approve the minutes of the October 18th, 2011 special meeting.

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

Landscape Structures/Flagship-Grant DesRoches

Grant DesRoches displayed the design of what would be the first phase for the playground equipment for the Parkwood Park. The equipment is designed for ages 2 thru 12 and the colors will be tan and green. Lucarelli said they had talked about a tire swing and Grant told her to add a tire swing would be about \$2,000. There was some discussion on other pieces of equipment such as spring riders, bobble rides and saddle spinners and Grant explained they could be added on later but the quotes he brought were just for the design he had. The one thing the Commission did want to change is trading places with the swings on the right and the sandbox on the left –just flip-flop them. The sand for the box will have to be provided by the City. They would like to add on another slide. Grant also mentioned the cozy dome and the omni spin that he is giving to us free of charge is ready to be picked up and asked Elsen to follow up with Desens to get them picked up.

The Commission stated that they would like this installed in the Spring and would like to go with just the phase I right now and would go with the cheaper quote on installation of 2 supervisors and the neighborhood would get together to install the equipment. Grant said he will put together a new quote which will lower the cost from \$64,453.32 down to about \$52,000.00. He did mention that the price will increase 8% after the first of the year.

MOTION was made by Hudlow, seconded by Seymour to recommend the purchase of phase I playground equipment for Parkwood Park.

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

Freedom Park

Landscape Designer, Sarah Lloyd from Dundee was present to show her design for Freedom Park. Her idea is to have the memorial service after the Memorial Day parade at this park instead of walking up to the cemetery as they have done in the past.

This was tabled until the next meeting because she had not received or the read the memo that Engineer Mark Statz had sent the City Administrator in regards to what kind of structures can and cannot be put on the levee.

MOTION was made by Seymour, seconded by Hudlow to table the Freedom Park design until next meeting.

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Adjourn

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

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The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.