

**CITY OF MONTROSE
311 Buffalo Avenue South
Montrose, Minnesota 55363**

**Park and Recreation Commission
Minutes
March 13, 2007**

Pursuant to call and notice the Montrose Park and Recreation Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, March 13, 2007, at 7:09p.m. at the Montrose City Hall. Those present were President Scot Hemmesch, Commissioners Doreen Outly, Jim Burk, Nancy Monsrud and Ex-Officio Andy Kauffman. Barb Swanson, administrator, was also present. Lloyd Johnson, resident, was present as well. Commissioners Angela Carik and Ryan Andreae were absent.

Agenda

Motion by Burk, seconded by Monsrud, to approve the agenda with the following additions to Old Business: 5th Street Sidewalk, handicap swing at Veteran's Park and Northridge Park. Carried 4-0.

Approval of Minutes

February minutes were unavailable. Secretary Ryan Andrea was absent. Motion by Burk, seconded by Monsrud, to table the approval of the February minutes until the April 2007 meeting. Carried 4-0.

Oath of Office

The Oath of Office was administered to Scot Hemmesch, Doreen Outly, Jim Burk and Nancy Monsrud by Barb Swanson.

Old Business

City Wide Block Party

The commission reviewed a document prepared by Ryan Andrea for City Wide Block Parties. The commissioners will review the document for comment and any changes at the April meeting. The document will then be forwarded to the city council for their consideration and published to the city web site.

The community wide Family Fun Day will be reviewed later this year for consideration in 2008.

Long Range Planning

The commission will hold a Long Range Planning meeting in January 2008.

"Art in the Park " was discussed as a possible activity for 2008.

Rock Brook Park

The climbing rocks and swings for Rock Brook Park should be ordered and installed this spring. Wendy Manson will contact Earl F. Anderson and place the order. This item will be updated on the April 8th agenda.

Montrose Days

There was a short discussion related to Montrose Days and activities the Park and Recreation Commission may consider holding. The activities discussed were:

- Meth Prevention Booth
- Kiddie Parade
- Bicycle Rodeo
- Pet Contest
- Wright County Sheriff's Department finger printing
- Wright County Sheriff's Department mini cars

This item will be placed on the April 2007 agenda.

5th Street Sidewalk

Swanson reported that the sidewalk was to be installed this spring.

Handicap Swing at Veteran's Park

Swanson reported that Wendy Manson had ordered the equipment and they had discussed replacing the timbers around the play equipment with cement curbing.

Northridge Park

As an agenda item for the April meeting the commission will visit the Northridge Park site. Staff will have the park perimeter marked prior to the April meeting.

Park Dedication

Lloyd Johnson, a resident, asked for an explanation of how the park commission selected park land. It was explained that the developer visits with the park commission prior to the preliminary plat hearing. The commission then makes a written recommendation to the planning commission and attends the preliminary plat hearing.

Lent Park

The commission discussed the 2006 purchase of the Lent farm house to expand the park entrance and picnic area. There was a general consensus that the purchase of the house for \$80,000 was necessary, but questioned if all of the funds should have been taken from the 235 Park Dedication Fund.

Motion by Burk, seconded by Monsrud, to request that the city council reimburse the Park Dedication Fund for the purchase of the house.

Carried 4-0.

Adjournment

Motion by Monsrud, seconded by Burk, to adjourn at 8:30p.m.

Carried 4-0.

Barbara C. Thwing- Swanson
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer

Scot Hemmesch
President

