

**CITY OF MONTROSE  
PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
AUGUST 12, 2008**

Pursuant to call and notice the Park & Recreation Commission met on August 12, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at Lions Park. Those present were Commission Members Ryan Andrea, Ruth Luffey, Scot Hemmesch and Jim Burk, Council Member Andy Kauffman and Deputy Clerk Wendy Manson. Commission Member Angela Carik and Doreen Outly were absent. Also present were City Planner, Bob Kirmis, Bob Putnam and Lonnie Johnson, VFW members and resident Sarah Guerke.

Agenda

Motion by Hemmesch, seconded by Andrea to approve the agenda with the addition of the tobacco free signs. Carried 4-0.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Hemmesch, seconded by Burk to approve the July minutes as presented. Carried 4-0.

VFW Building and Grounds Plan

Bob Putnam and Lonnie Johnson, VFW members, discussed the proposal to exchange park land with the VFW. They would like to exchange 20' x 75' on the north side of the existing buildings with 20' x 75' on the west side of the existing buildings. This would allow them to build an adequate parking lot for their facility. Discussion followed. Motion by Burk, seconded by Luffey to recommend the land exchange along with the installation of a trail from 3<sup>rd</sup> Street S. to the north edge of the parking lot, a park sign and screening on the west side. Carried 3-1. Opposed: Hemmesch.

A second option was discussed and a motion made by Hemmesch and seconded by Luffey to recommend the land exchange, screening on the west side and a curb cut on the north end of the parking lot showing access to the park instead of a trail and a sign stating "parking for VFW and Lions Park". Motion failed 2-2. Opposed: Burk and Andrea.

Motion by Burk, seconded by Hemmesch to amend the motion to include moving the Lions park sign to the west, turn it to face east and west and read on both sides "Lions Park" and not install a parking lot sign. Amendment carried 4-0.

Park and Trail Plan Update

Bob Kirmis, City Planner, reviewed the updates to the Park and Trail Plan. Hemmesch requested some additional changes be made. Kirmis will make the revisions. Motion by Burk, seconded by Hemmesch to recommend Planning and Zoning adopt the Parks and Trail Plan Update with the requested revisions. Carried 4-0.

Montrose Days

The Children's Costume parade will line-up at city hall beginning at 10:00 a.m.. The parade will begin at 10:30 a.m. and end under the tent. The Royal Ambassadors will do the judging for the best costume.

The hot dog sales will be Friday evening and all day Saturday. Volunteers are needed to run the booth on Saturday. Luffey and Hemmesch will each take a shift and the other members will help fill in.

Rolling Meadows Ballfield

A Boy Scout looking to earn his Eagle Scout is considering taking on the planning and building of the ballfield at Rolling Meadows. He will work with the Public Works Director and Deputy Clerk Manson.

Northridge Park Build

The playground at Northridge Park was constructed on Saturday, August 2, 2008 by a number of Park and Recreation Commission members and neighborhood volunteers. Thank you to all who helped.

Tobacco Free Park Signs

Manson will be contacting the Tobacco Free Youth Recreation Group for signs.

Adjournment

Motion by Hemmesch seconded by Luffey to adjourn. Carried 4-0.

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Wendy Manson, Deputy Clerk

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Ryan Andreae, Chair