

## City of Columbus Park Board Meeting

June 20, 2013, 6:30 p.m.

### Call to Order

Terry Phinney called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

### Roll Call

Members Present: Sandie Wood, Jim Ingalls, Marilyn Didling, Andrea Messina, Bob Bodene and Terry Phinney. Members Absent: none

Also Present: Council Member Jeff Duraine, Public Works Superintendent Jim Fraley, and Secretary Karen Boland.

### Approval of Minutes

Sandie Wood made a **motion** to approve the April 18, 2013 minutes. Second by Jim Ingalls. Motion was approved.

### Agenda Additions or Deletions

None.

### Treasurer's Report

Park Fund ending balance for 5/31/13	\$49,254.48
Park Capital Fund ending balance for 5/31/13	\$18,776.38
Park Land Fund ending balance for 5/31/13	\$17,427.88

### City Administrator's / PW Superintendent Report

Update: City Council Action

- 1) Phase 3 Playground Installation Approved  
Jim Fraley said the City Council approved the \$7232 expenditure to complete and install Phase 3 of the playground at Columbus Park. He has been in contact with Accent to arrange installation. The installation should take one day and will hopefully be completed soon. Payment will be made after installation. Per the request of the Park Board, Jim also looked into the cost of the engineered woodchips. They cost \$15/yard.
- 2) S-10 Sale - \$452.00  
The City Council approved sale of the S-10 truck. A Craig's list ad was used, and it was sold to the highest bidder for \$452.

## New Business

### a) Budget Update

The 2014 budget will need to be completed at the next meeting: 7/18/13.

### b) Suggestion Box

Members were made aware of two suggestions received:

--One writer suggested posting the distance covered by the walking path on the bulletin board at the park. Members agreed this was a good idea and some had heard others comment on the same thing. Sandie Wood made a **motion** permitting Jim Fraley to install a sign along the walking path that would show the trail's distance. Second by Marilyn Didling. Motion carried. Jeff will bring this before the City Council for approval.

--Another writer suggested planting a garden bed of flowers, the length of the walking path along Kettle River Boulevard, to showcase the park. Members asked staff to respond to the writer, indicating that the Board likes the idea, but does not currently have the resources for the planting and upkeep. The existing beds in the park are not being maintained, and they are looking for volunteers to keep up the current beds.

Members were informed that Jo Keyes resigned from the Board.

## Old Business

### a) Ball Field Fence

At the last meeting Jim Fraley reported that 40 feet of fencing is needed to extend in front of the 1<sup>st</sup> base bleachers on Field #1, and 40 feet is needed to extend in front of the 3<sup>rd</sup> base bleachers. He had one quote for \$2160 from Arrow Fence. Members had asked Jim to get a second quote. The second quote for the 80 feet of fencing was for \$1990 from Century Fence. Jim Ingalls made a **motion** to accept Century Fence's bid for \$1990 to install two 40-foot fences at Ball Field #1. Second by Sandie Wood. Motion carried. Jeff will bring this before the City Council for approval. If the Council approves, Jim Fraley will contact Century Fence.

### b) Swing set Curbing, and Concrete Pads

Members thought the quote presented at the April meeting for \$5000 was reasonable, but would like to wait on this expenditure until they look at the overall budget and hear back from the MN League of Cities Safety Officer to determine whether any barriers will be needed. (see next item)

### c) Timber Barriers

The Risk Safety Officer from the League of MN Cities has not yet visited. Members are waiting to find out if timber barriers may be removed, and, if, so, if they need to be replaced with any other type of barrier. Jim Fraley said the timbers on the Public Works Building side of Kettle River, north of Ball Field #1, were lowered to prevent them from falling and causing injury.

d) Mole Issues

Jim Fraley said a vibratory roller was used after a good rain and it seemed to temporarily help with moles, but they returned. Getting rid of worms and grubs will affect the lawn, and traps are a safety concern. Right now, no great options have been found.

Jim Fraley passed around a schedule showing usage of park facilities. Andrea Messina said the YMCA Play Dates first session is going on. Five children are attending. Her understanding is that more signed up and paid, but that is all that have been attending. The YMCA had told the City they would work with their marketing people to get flyers distributed in the Forest Lake Area Schools. Members would like to know whether this happened. Andrea suggested the Y put a banner up at the park to advertise the second session.

Jim Fraley reported that the porta-potty near the main parking lot is being pumped Mondays and Fridays to accommodate heavy use of the ball fields. He also told Board members three box elder trees that were causing a hazard to the bleachers, were taken down by Upper Cut Tree Service. Some stumps in the park were also ground up.

Jeff asked about activity at the boneyard. Jim said some scrap metal was cleaned out.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be July 18, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the Public Works Building.

Adjourn

Marilyn Didling made a **motion** to adjourn. Second by Andrea Messina. Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted  
Karen Boland, Recording Secretary