

PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 5, 2009
Oakland Drive Park

Board Present: Mark Anthony Martin, Elizabeth Jarzambek, Andrea Stork, Bery Pannkuk, Christine Price, and Susan Williams

Staff Present: Bill Deming and John Milowe

Excused: Scott Grinder, Janet Luchies and John Pfund

Unexcused: Sam Garceau

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. at Oakland Drive Park.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: The July minutes were unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. **Oakland Drive & Haverhill Park Overview** – presented by Andrea Stork and Bill Deming.

B Sub-committee reports

1. Photo Contest: Andrea reported we are still looking for sponsors. Andrea will follow up on a suggestion to increase exposure for the event at the Portage District Library.
2. Spray Park Update: Scott Grinder's report will be given at the next meeting.
3. Kayak Event – Bery Pannkuk reported on the inaugural Portage Paddle Fest. Unfortunately the weather didn't cooperate. In total approximately 66 people were in attendance and 21 people participated in the races. Park staff and volunteers made things happen. Things went off without a hitch, everyone had a good time and it was fun. Special thanks to Lee's Adventure Sports for their support.

C. Collaboration Event Ideas: Per a directive from City Council, the Park Board, Environmental Board and Youth Board are to develop a cooperative environmental event for the spring of 2010. Initial suggestions from the Park Board are: shoreline cleanup along lakes, creek shore cleanup on Portage Creek and seedling planting. Mark Martin will be contacting chairs from the other two boards on joint discussions.

D. Park Board Assignments – Board members gave reports on their park assignments.

SUMMARY ACTIVITY:

1. Bill reported that most summer activities are coming to an end. A Full Moon Canoe event will be held at the Bicentennial Park Livery on August 6. SES events include an outdoor movie and jazz band at Celery Flats. Trail upgrades to the Bicentennial Trail north of Milham and Millennium Trail should be initiated for late summer completion.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm and continued at Haverhill Park.

Comments from the board members: Life is good, great positive comments on Paddle Fest at Ramona Park, thanks to all Board members that assisted.

Meeting adjourned at 7::25 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Elizabeth Jarzambek, Secretary