

PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 2, 2009

Board Present: Mark Anthony Martin, Bery Pannkuk, Janet Luchies, Scott Grinder, Vicki Locke, Mike Zajac and John Pfund, Susan Williams.

Board Excused: Elizabeth Jarzambek.

Staff Present: Bill Deming

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. at Stuart Manor.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: The November minutes were amended with the correction of a spelling error then approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Sub-committee reports:

1. **Photo Contest:** Mark Martin will follow up with former Board member Andrea Stork as the contest closes at the end of December. Bill Deming says he does have some entries, though not many.
2. **Spray Park (attachment):** Scott Grinder reported that the Spray Park Committee made a presentation before City Council on December 1. A copy of the Spray Park Committee report was provided to each Board member. There may be further discussion when City Council has their annual retreat in mid-December. Council did indicate that the Park Board and Administration should review and respond to the report regarding alternate locations for a community spray park. Mark Martin asked Board members to plan on a 2-hour meeting in January to look at location alternatives for the spray park. Please take the time to visit the parks before this meeting.

B. Goals/Goals Updates (attachment): Mark Anthony Martin submitted the "Status of the Park Board Goals" and "2010-11 Proposed Goals from the Park Board" to City Council with Board approval in November. Copies were included for Board information.

C. Collaboration Event per Council – Susan Williams and Vicki Locke have met twice with the Portage Youth Advisory group in regards to the Green-a-thon scheduled for April 24, 2010. The students seem to be very well organized and are moving along in their planning of this event. Please mark your calendars for the event and more information will follow as to what assistance the Park Board will be asked to take on in support of the Green-a-thon.

D. Parks Powerpoint Overview: Bill Deming provided a powerpoint overview of the Parks Department. After viewing this presentation the Board recommended several places this should be played so as many Portage residents as possible had an opportunity to see it.

SUMMARY ACTIVITY:

A. Recreation Programs: Stuart Manor Teas continue to do well. Ice Rink opening has been delayed until December 11 due to the mild weather.

B. Holiday Decorations: Lights and displays in city center with Tree Lighting December 5.

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Vicki Locke, Secretary