

PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 6, 2009

West Lake Nature Preserve

Board Present: Mark Anthony Martin, , Bery Pannkuk, Scott Grinder, Christine Price, Sam Garceau, Susan Williams and John Pfund

Staff Present: Bill Deming

Excused: Elizabeth Jarzambek, Andrea Stork and Janet Luchies

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. at West Lake Nature Preserve

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

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **West Lake Nature Preserve Overview** – Susan Williams provided board members with a comprehensive history of the park. She obtained information from city records. A very thorough presentation followed along with some discussion and fine points added by Bill Deming.
- B. **Sub-committee reports**
 - 1. Photo Contest Update – Chris reported that there has been little activity.
 - 2. Spray Park Update: Scott Grinder reported that a mailing went out. There will be a table at the summer entertainment events. Brochure and cards were handed out. The Website is <www.portagespraypark.com>.
 - 3. Kayak Event – Bery Pannkuk reported that this event will be held at Ramona Park. Event planning is going well. The committee is working on details for course, fee, events and the need for volunteers. A waiver will be developed for participants. A request for life jackets was made to ensure that all event participants will be safe.
 - 4. Bicycle Rally – Scott reported that the event is scheduled for May 30th 2009 at South Westnedge Park. There will be several routes for participants. Gordon Water will be providing water along route. The Portage Police Department will be participating again.
- C. **Park Board Assignments** – Board members gave reports on their park assignments.

SUMMARY ACTIVITY:

- 1. Restroom and shelter upgrades are completed.
- 2. Softball leagues are underway.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS – Sue said it is a beautiful time in Portage.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Mark Anthony Martin