

## **Portage Park Board Meeting July 2, 2014**

Present: Jim Bennink, Tim Earl, Kathleen Hoyle, Rodger Smith, Charles Thomas,  
Jan Whitcomb, Susan Williams

Staff: William Demming, John Milowe

Absent: Jennifer Molner

Absent Excused: Doug Barrett

Guests: Kay Baures, Jack Briggs and Robert Rasmussen

The meeting was called to order in Ramona Park at 6:32 p.m. by Chairwoman Susan Williams.

The minutes of the June meeting were review, Mr. Earl motioned for approval, seconded by Mr. Thomas, motion approved.

- A. Ramona Park:** Ms. Whitcomb shared with the Board she has been doing research on the history of Ramona Park. The name Ramona, came from a novel written by Helen Hunt Jackson, published in 1884 titled Ramona. The original owner was Carrie Peek Waruf. Teresa Remine a niece of Mrs. Waruf, inherited the property. Mr. Briggs informed the Board the City has done an excellent job of keeping up Ramona Park. Mr. Deming praised Mr. Milowe and his staff for the care they give to the Portage Parks.
- B. Friends Group Report:** Mr. Earl informed the Board the website and Pay Pal are up and running.
- C. Celery Flats Music Fest:** Sunday July 13, 2014 is the kick off celebration at the Celery Flats. Ms. Hoyle has scheduled the radio interview for Thursday July 10, 2014. The Park Rangers will be there to assist the Board members at the event. We will have a golf cart to help with transporting people with special needs. The parking lot across from Stuart Manor will be for handicap only the day of the event. The van from the Senior Center will be used for those who park in the overflow parking lots. Reminder to arrive by 11:00 a.m. for set up activities.

The meeting was relocated to Lakeview Park.

Guest: Gordon Duam

- D.** Ms. Williams gave the presentation on Lakeview Park. During a storm in 2001 the Park had severe damage. Today there is no trace of storm damage. Lakeview Park attracts and is used by many people and their dogs. Mr. Duam shared with the Board he really enjoys the Lakeview Park. His property backs up to the park. Only one concern, that some of the visitors allow their dogs to run free without a leash. One of those dogs actually got into his backyard enclosure.
- E. Get Active Portage:** August 9, 2014 Ramona Park. Mr. Earl and Mr. Thomas shared with the Board they have seven confirmed vendors for the event.

Summary Activities: Mr. Deming shared the softball season is going well. This summer Yoga Class and three Jazzercise events have been added.

Comments from the Board:

Mr. Bennink will not be able to attend the August meeting.

Ms. Williams will not be available to attend the August meeting.

Ms. Hoyle motioned to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Earl seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jan Whitcomb