

MINUTES
LAKE SHORE PARK & RECREATION COMMITTEE
MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2013
7:00 PM
CITY HALL

Members present, Terry Frovik Cindy Terwilliger and Bob Wilmes; New member Todd Peterson. Council Liaison Krista Knudsen. Steve Hanousek and Don Hoger were absent.

The committee welcomed a new committee applicant at this meeting. Todd Peterson's application will be reviewed at the next city council meeting, October 28, 2013.

Todd asked questions regarding the committee's budget, the mission of the committee and various other issues that the committee addresses. The members of the committee read him the budget, gave him a detailed description of the a mission to maintain and preserve the park according to the guidelines set forth by the MN Land Trust and addressed some questions he had about public access points to the lakes in our community.

The committee discussed the dedication sign that has been an on-going project. Cindy stated that she met the man that is making the sign and he said he has been busy and not able to get this project done. Krista stated that she talked to John Poston about this matter in the summer and he stated that the sign should be done this fall. The committee agreed that we would wait until Spring of 2014 to do a dedication ceremony but that just having the sign completed would be great.

Cindy stated that she has not been able to remove the old gate in the park as she stated she would do at an earlier meeting. She stated that this project is still on her list and will be done when time and weather permit.

The committee addressed a resident's request to tap maple trees in the park. Cindy did not think allowing this to happen would set good precedence for future requests. Bob stated that we could issue one permit per year for this and use an auction based bidding system to issue this permit. The committee also stated that as long as only one person is tapping maple trees, there probably wouldn't be an issue. Terry wondered if the MN Land Trust would need to be notified.

The committee also discussed repairs needed for the trail lawn mower. Jim is going to look into what repairs may need to be addressed. The committee decided that the mower should be fixed by Jim or if needed, a person more specialized in lawn mower repair.

The committee also discussed the need for an updated map of the park. It was stated that using a Google map and highlighting the various trails in the park seemed most suitable. Todd Peterson said he may have access to a map that would be useful for this project.

Krista stated that a Council member had given her contact information for a man that plants trees and plants in order to attract certain birds for bird watching. The group discussed this information and decided since there is not a request from the public for this at this time, money should not be allocated to such a project. Cindy also stated that there are many different indigenous birds in the park right now and doesn't know if adding different species would have a beneficial impact on the current environment.

Transcribed by: Krista Knudsen