

**MINUTES**  
**LAKE SHORE PARK & RECREATION COMMITTEE**  
**MONDAY, JULY 21, 2014**  
**7:00 PM**  
**CITY HALL**

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

Krista said the council discussed the sign at the corner of County 78 & 77; she said that council action wasn't needed and Teri Hastings is working on it.

Krista said Todd was unable to come to the meeting, but he did drop a copy of the brochure off for review and discussion. The committee discussed wording of the brochure and Cindy thought a couple sentences could be removed. The side with the map of the trails in the park was out of focus. Overall the committee liked it. Krista will let Todd know the suggested changes.

The Ash trees in the park were discussed with no formal resolution.

The DNR completed the shoreline restoration along Stony Brook in the park.

The bathrooms were cleaned; however, no maintenance has been done until the new maintenance person is hired. The trash is being emptied. There was discussion at the council to have a sewer company pump out the bathrooms.

The sand in the playground could wait until next spring. The committee suggested watching for grants to help update the playground equipment. Cindy said to make sure when updating to keep the MN Land Trust in mind.

The handrail that is missing on the back steps needs to be a priority fix. This is another job for the new maintenance person.

It would be interesting to know how much use the park gets. There are fishermen, kids that use the sliding park, the swings, etc. There could be direction signs for the playground equipment and the sliding hill.

Steve said there was talk of a park on the south end of town. Cindy said it was discussed when the trail is complete this was suggested for parking and possible park. She also talked about the public accesses within the city. Most are overgrown and not accessible.

Terry asked what should be the committee be thinking about in the area of recreation. Cindy said the trail was first being discussed by the committee it took the focus off of the park and the word 'recreation' was added to the committee name.

Cindy said the Mayor has been over to the park twice to fix the washouts on the road that goes up the hill. Terry suggested a pathway to the playground and leaving the road for maintenance only. Cindy said the land trust would have to be consulted. Cindy suggested asking the council what types of fill would be allowed to fix the road.

Cindy said the committee should think about the goal of the park and what the park was started for; the park is in the MN Land Trust and that is to keep it in its natural state. Steve said from an improvement standpoint there's not much to improve at the park. Cindy said that over the last 10 years there had been a lot of improvements. The DNR has improved the shoreline of the stream over the past couple years.

The committee will meet one more time after the maintenance person is hired.

The meeting was adjourned.