

JOINT COUNCIL/PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
CITY OF CROSSLAKE
MONDAY, AUGUST 27, 2001
6:00 P.M. – CITY HALL

The City Council and Park and Recreation Commission for the City of Crosslake met at the Community Center on Monday, August 27, 2001 at 6:00 P.M. to review the recently completed Park Master Plan. The following Councilmembers were present: Sandy Eliason, Irene Schultz and Dean Swanson. Absent was Mayor Darrell Swanson and Councilmember Chuck Miller. Present from the Park and Recreation Commission was Chair Laurie Hoenig, Dennis Palm, Morrie Mikkelson, Bob Mattson, Mary Miller and Zack Hemphill. Also present was City Administrator Thomas (Tom) Swenson, Community Development Director Paul Larson, Park and Recreation Director Jon Henke, Clerk/Treasurer Darlene Roach and Lake Country Echo Reporter Betty Ryan.

Park and Recreation Chair Laurie Hoenig called the Park and Recreation Meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

MOTION WAS MADE BY MARY MILLER AND SECONDED BY ZACH HEMPHILL TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING AS SUBMITTED. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

Councilmember Dean Swanson called the Special Council Meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. and stated that the purpose of the meeting was to review the recently completed Park Master Plan with members of the Park and Recreation Commission. Councilmember Swanson turned the meeting over to Park and Recreation Director Jon Henke. Jon Henke introduced Dennis Palm and Bob Mattson who compiled the plan in cooperation with the Park Long Range Planning Committee and Park Advisory Commission. Dennis Palm stated that although the plan sets the course for Crosslake Parks and Recreation, it will become a constantly changing dynamic document for future use.

Park and Recreation Director Jon Henke read the Parks and Recreation Department's Mission Statement which states "to provide recreational services that positively impact the health of our citizens, the environment, the economy and the quality of life in our community".

Dennis Palm commented on the tremendous growth the community is experiencing and how important recreation is in addressing the needs of a broad based population. The Long Range Planning Commission, which was established in Year 2000, identified a list of seven priorities which include: (1) Establishment of a comprehensive "Master Park Plan", (2) Develop cooperative working relationships with federal, state and county park and recreation agencies, i.e., the DNR, Army Corps of Engineers, Crow Wing County and etc. (Morrie Mikkelson inquired if there would be an advantage in working with the lake associations and everyone agreed that this should be included in the Master Plan); (3) Secure the small tract of land just north of the Community Center for park and/or city

purposes; (4) Develop priorities for the expansion of the Community Center; (5) Begin the immediate development of the Army Corps of Engineer's property on County Road 103; (6) Develop a comprehensive bicycle trail throughout the City with County participation; and (7) Locate the Library on park property adjacent to the Community Center. Each of these seven priorities were discussed.

Bob Mattson reviewed future design considerations for the Community Center and surrounding park property. Some of the design considerations discussed included: (1) what additions could be made; (2) how current rooms could be further utilized; (3) how parking lots could be located on the perimeter of the grounds which could be utilized by both park users and library users; (4) the addition of cameras in the weight room; (5) adding additional storage areas; and (6) placement of additional meeting rooms. Emphasis was placed on keeping open space and preserving and protecting what is currently there.

Jon Henke reviewed how a trail system could be incorporated into the Paul Bunyan Trail along County Road #16 and what possibilities exist to extend trails throughout most of the City.

The importance of retaining park dedication fees was reviewed and the Park and Recreation Staff will continue to work with the Planning and Zoning Staff on this. The establishment of a conservancy district to protect and conserve historic areas of the City such as the burial mounds and etc. was discussed.

Councilmember Swanson asked if any conversations have been held with the property owners adjacent to the Corps of Engineers property. Jon Henke stated that conversations have been held with the property owners. Bob Mattson stated that he has visited the property along County Road #103 and stated that having access to the Whitefish Chain for non-lake residents is a very crucial part of planning.

Dennis Palm expressed his appreciation for having been given the opportunity to work with Bob Mattson, Jon Henke and Staff, the Long Range Planning Commission and Park and Recreation Commission.

There was some discussion as to whether a public meeting would be needed to review the Master Plan and it was agreed that this would be left up to the Council.

A letter of resignation was received on August 27, 2001 from Amy Roquette. Amy has agreed to stay through September if she can obtain housing. Park and Recreation Director Jon Henke proposed allowing Amy use of the cabin located on Park property for the month of September at a cost of \$25.00 per week. MOTION WAS MADE BY IRENE SCHULTZ AND SECONDED BY SANDY ELIASON TO APPROVE AMY ROQUETTE'S USE OF THE CABIN LOCATED ON THE PARK PROPERTY CONTINGENT ON SATISFYING ANY INSURANCE ISSUES. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

MOTION WAS MADE BY IRENE SCHULTZ AND SECONDED BY SANDY ELIASON TO ADJOURN THIS JOINT MEETING AT 8:00 P.M. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

THE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION WAS CONSIDERED ADJOURNED AT 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Darlene J. Roach". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Darlene J. Roach
Clerk/Treasurer