



May 24, 2010

Meeting Minutes of the Birchwood Parks and Natural Resources Committee

Members Present: John Lund, Craig Aichele, Kathy Malles, Cynthia Tomlinson, Deb Harrod, Mike Connelly
Also Present: Barb Carson, Council Representative

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.
April 26, 2010 meeting minutes approved.

Tennis Court Renovation and Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony on June 26th:

John reported that the patchwork is completed and the tree roots extracted. The dead tree near the north fence side and the rotted bench were removed. The box elder removal and oak trim will occur at a later date.

Specific assignments:

- Barb will ask Erika Peterson for her recommendation for a replacement tree, furnish wood for the concrete-base bench, and invite council members to the ribbon-cutting ceremony.
- John will arrange for gravel for the steps and path off Cedar, and the broken pipe by the water fountain will be removed. Thursday is "project day" for anyone interested in helping out.
- Kathy will arrange for a new sign, purchase mats, prepare the press release for publicity, and prep the wood bench for painting.
- Cynthia will post a notice on the gate with construction dates and lesson times, purchase the supplies for the ribbon-cutting ceremony, and paint for the bench.
- Cynthia and Barb will distribute a flyer announcing the *Tennis in the Parks* lessons by Peg Kelly.

Park Trees: It was decided against forming an official tree advisory board. However, Erika Peterson agreed to provide her advice to the city and Park Committee on an informal basis.

Moved by Debbie, seconded by Craig, that the committee withdraw its recommendation to the city to form a Tree Advisory Board. Motion unanimously approved.

Benches & Tables: Benches at Bloomquist Park will be worked on first due to the ribbon-cutting ceremony. Permanent replacement recommendations for some benches will be made next meeting.

Communication: Barb suggested that the newsletters and the city website have information on how residents can sign up for email alerts of Park/Recreation events.

Miscellaneous:

- Debbie placed the excess mulch from her landscaping project around the newer park trees.
- Cynthia shared some of the comments made to Mr. Nardecchia at his public forum meeting.
- Barb had Birchwood placed on the *Sentence to Serve* project wait list.
- Mike will be moving out of Birchwood, but will continue with the committee until he does.
Moved by Cynthia, seconded by Mike, that Craig step into Mike's vacated position (a 2-year position) and the new 1-year position be advertised. Motion unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00.

Submitted by:
Kathy Malles