

**FREMONT AREA
PARK & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, June 13, 2006
Fremont Municipal Building**

The meeting called to order at 6:35 PM by Chair Rhondi Davis.

Park & Recreation Members Present: Rhondi Davis, Todd Blake, Brian Hettinger, Jeannie Caris, Roger Tuuk, Marian Oosterhouse & Pam Zuchowski

The Committee welcomed Sherman Township' recently appointed representative and member to the Committee, Pam Zuchowski.

Public Present: None

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Todd Blake, seconded by Jeannie Caris to approve the meeting agenda; motion approved.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Brian Hettinger, seconded by Roger Tuuk to approve the minutes from the April 11, 2006 meeting; motion approved.

Town & Country Path

Roger Tuuk reported the Dogwood Foundation recently awarded a \$20,000 grant, which finished up the FAF' \$25,000 matching requirement for an additional \$25,000. He reported there is an estimated \$349,000 available for construction of additional phases of the Town & Country Path. .

Todd Blake reported there has been no news on the 2nd grant request for \$100,000 from the Wal-Mart Foundation. Todd also reported Nordlund & Associates are surveying and preparing the engineering specs for Phase 2. He also noted the DNR has not forwarded the grant contract for construction of Phase 2 and the City cannot request construction bids until the contract has been formalized.

Jeannie Caris reported she and Todd gave an update on route changes and funding to the Fremont Rotary Club on Tuesday, April 25th. The Rotary Club is still committed to the construction of a gazebo along Maat Creek in the Industrial Park.

Branstrom Park Disc Golf Course

Todd reported the Disc Golf Committee is coordinating tournaments to raise funds for an additional 4-5 baskets. They had 5 baskets on loan and have to return them, therefore leaving the 4-5 of the 24 holes basketless.

5-Year Recreation Plan Update

Todd reported the Committee has two options to updating the 5-Yr Plan:

- 1) Coordinate the update with the Joint Comprehensive Development & Growth Management Plan update, which is currently being considered between the participating jurisdictions of Fremont, Sheridan, Dayton and Sherman. As before, the same consultant would help coordinate the update of both documents; or

- 2) The Committee could meet for the purpose of reviewing the expired Plan, update the information and present to the participating jurisdictions for approval.

There was Committee consensus to see how quickly the Master Plan update came along and reconsider which option was feasible, later this Summer.

Old Business

Todd reported a sub-committee for the establishment of a Recreation Authority for the Fremont Area should be formed this Summer, with hopes of campaigning for a November ballot proposal. There was discussion on the length of time needed for campaigning and consensus was a minimum of 90 days.

Jeannie asked if the City owned the field along Clubview & Hillcrest that has a rusty old field goal post and asked if something could be done to clean it up.

Rhondi thanked the City of revitalizing the Hemlock Street baseball field into a viable t-ball practice field.

Pam was asked to prepare an inventory list of recreation facilities in Sherman Township for the committee to review.

Jeannie asked if the City owned additional area around the 2nd Lake boat launch and if there was any room for increasing the parking area. It seemed cluttered this Spring.

Next Committee Meeting

The next meeting for the Park & Recreation Advisory Committee was set for Monday, July 24, 2006.

Adjournment

Motion by Todd Blake, seconded by Jeannie Caris to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:56 PM; motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Todd M. Blake
City Clerk/Finance Director