

Albertville Parks Committee meeting minutes July 23, 2012

Attendees: Tim Guimont, Sharon Oakvik, Mark Barthel, Andy Swanson, Larry Sorensen
Visitor: Lisa Peterson

Eagle Scout Boardwalk In Central Park

- Lisa Peterson attended the meeting, representing her son Zack, to present a plan to the Parks Board for Scouts to install a 200-foot floating boardwalk through the swamp between 57th St. NE and south edge of Central Park near the fire station. The Board gave its approval for the project. Lisa will move forward with plans for the work to be performed on August 25 and 26.

Parks Night

- Turnout was great, a good night and good event. Event was a week later this year (May 18), and signage on roads the week leading up to the event seemed to help increase turnout. There were a lot of repeat visitors from previous years who enjoyed the event in the past and like that the City hosts this event. Board's consensus is to keep the same formula for next year.

Central Park basketball court

- Asphalt is in bad condition and needs to be replaced, hoops and poles are bent and in tough shape, too. Tim got bids for the entire project to rehab the court -- overlay (\$2500); paint and stripe (\$3395); new hoops, poles and backstops (\$1600). The board recommends City council approves \$4100 for overlay, hoops, poles and backstops this year, with plans to paint and stripe in 2013.
- Mark says the volleyball court in Central Park doesn't get used and the city should consider removing the court or replacing the pea rock with sand.

Central Park Sign

- There has been a recommendation to install a 'Central Park' sign on the 'Lions Park' sign near Main Ave. Committee does not see a purpose for this sign.

Oak Side Park Horse Shoe pits

- Tim said he is considering taking out the horse shoe pits at Oak Side Park because they don't get used and they are a liability in terms of maintenance. Board decided to table the issue while considering relocating the horse shoe pits to Central Park where they might get more use.

Central Park caboose restoration project

- Tabled due to LeRoy's absence.

Parks Board advisor to the City

- Mark Barthel accepted nomination to serve as an advisor on behalf of the Parks Board to provide input on hiring a new city administrator.

Next meeting: August 27, 8:30

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