

**Albertville Parks Committee meeting minutes
January 28, 2013**

Attendees: Tim Guimont, Mark Barthel, Andy Swanson, LeRoy Berning, Sharon Oakvik
Visitor: Adam Nafstad, Public Works Director/City Engineer

Memorial Park plan review

Adam Nafstad presented to Committee a plan for a proposed park in proximity of the April 2008 bus accident site. Construction will begin this spring with volunteer efforts. Committee recommends the facility be called Memorial Park.

Term Limits

Committee recommends to Council that Sharon Oakvik and LeRoy Berning be appointed to a 1-year term on the Parks Committee; and Mark Barthel and Andy Swanson be appointed to a 2-year term. Communication should go out fall 2013 that citizens who want to join the Committee need to apply by December 2013.

Little Winter Park sign

Committee recommends moving forward with plan to purchase and install a sign at Little Winter Park. Tim received a quote for about \$250 for 1/3-scale sign.

Warming House

Tim reports that things are going well at the ice rink and warming house in Central Park. The facility is getting used regularly. Improvements this fall to the interior of warming house included repainting the walls and gluing rubber floor.

Explore Your Parks Night

Explore Your Parks night will be Friday, May 17 from 6-8 pm. Committee recommends a council member be at each park and to have fire truck travel to the parks. Sharon will contact food vendors; Tim will contact town sports organizations people (lacrosse, soccer, baseball, hockey, football, girls' softball, basketball) to get them involved. Suggestion was made to incorporate the annual Town Hall meeting at City Hall during the event. Perhaps call it the Albertville Town Hall Meet & Greet?

New Business

- Adam said that the Council hears continued demand for more playing fields (lacrosse, soccer, etc.).
- Soccer is looking for a place to put up a temporary dome for practice in the winter. Potential site is Cedar Creek?
- Council wants improved communication with city residents. It is working on newsletter and website improvements, among other changes.

Next meeting: March 25, 7:30 p.m.

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