

**Meeting Minutes  
New Prague Park Board  
Tuesday, February 10, 2004**

The New Prague Park Board met at the City Hall at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 10, 2004, with the following members present: Dominic McConnell, J C. Ingebrand, Jim Westall, Kelly Mamer, Kristin Guerrette, Kay Wilcox, Jessica Doig.

Absent: Gary Meyer

City Staff present: Mary Jo Hruby.

It was moved by Westall, Seconded by Mamer  
To approve the previous meeting minutes.  
Motion carried.

It was moved by Wilcox, seconded by Ingebrand to accept the financial report.  
Motion carried.

Jessica Doig was welcomed as new youth member to the Park Board.

Dan Puls presented ideas on getting student involvement with the parks. Students could make a contribution to community development. Classes would participate in "Service Learning" which is connecting public service with civic duty. This would be a way of creating parks for the future (what kids want to see in parks) and also getting classes involved developing the park. Some of the classes to be considered would be Construction Trades, Wild Life Management, Photography, and Computer.

Kelly Mamer suggested getting student involvement with naming the parks or with the history of our parks.

Adopt a Park would be a way for student involvement as well as senior citizen involvement.

Discussion was held on refurbishing the Yackley cabin and the cabin in Memorial Park. More research will be done on this project.

The Public Park and Facility Naming Policy was approved by the City Council. A public notice will be published in the New Prague Times seeking citizen input on naming the 10 acre park in the Prague Estates Development. Notices will also be posted at the Schools, Queens Court, Philipps Square and Mill Pond and contact will be made with KCHK radio.

It was suggested having a location for postings in the parks showing various park announcements. Staff will look into this.

Discussion was held on the park dedication for the Geiger Development site on the westerly boarder of New Prague that the school district has chosen for the location of a new elementary school. Geiger donated 25 acres to the school and passed on the Developer's responsibility to provide park land for their 150 acres to the school. The Geiger/School responsibility would be to dedicate 15 acres or provide the equivalent value in cash.

Comments on the issue were as follows:

Would like to have land rather than cash.

If the school donates 15 acres for park land, they only have 10 left.

If the School puts in their playground equipment, they could maybe get a discount on the park fee for their building permit.

The school playground equipment is not available to the public during school hours.

Alcohol and tobacco is not allowed on school property as it is in public parks.

The Park Board would like to see a site plan of the area.

Kay Wilcox reported that the street by Southside Park (Central Av. South) will be paved with curb and gutter in 2004.

It was moved by Westall, seconded by Mamer at 8:15 to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mary Jo Hruby