

**Meeting Minutes
New Prague Park Board
Tuesday, March 12, 2013
6:30 PM**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Chair Matthew Lasch. Members present were Mike Sticha, Maggie Bass and Amy Jirik. Absent was Dave Bruzek, Chris Millard and Sharon Brown (arrived at 7PM). Staff present was Ken Ondich – Planning Director and Parks Maintenance Supervisor Jim Calliguri.

2. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Bass, seconded by Sticha to approve the February 12th, 2013 meeting minutes. Motion carried (4-0).

3. Review Financial Reports

Planning Director Ondich presented the financial reports to the Park Board, noting that during the month of February an additional \$0 was added to the Park Equipment Fund from new residential home permits because no new homes were constructed.

A motion was made by Sticha, seconded by Lasch to accept the financial reports as presented. Motion carried (4-0).

4. Comprehensive Plan Update – Parks, Trails and Recreation: Session #2

Planning Director Ondich stated that this month's meeting John Anderson of Municipal Development Group would provide a summary of the demographics in the city, the mission and vision statement feedback received from Park Board members, input received from community and organizational groups and finally the cooperative agreements that the City has with other agencies.

John Anderson, Municipal Development Group, presented the information they had gathered and started by providing an overview of the demographics information which included population projections to the year 2035 of 12,990, a younger median age today than in 2000, income/poverty statistics and finally that the percent of households with children was up from 2000. He provided information on the mission and vision statements and summarized the purpose of each. He summarized the survey results from the Park Board members and asked for discussion in order to select final versions of each.

A motion was made by Bass, seconded by Sticha to approve the following:

Vision Statements:

To sustain current facilities and plan for future growth and expansion of park facilities, open spaces, natural resources, trails & activity centers and respond to the changing needs of the community.

To provide safe, welcoming parks and recreational facilities and affordable, diverse recreation activities for people of all ages and incomes to play, learn, contemplate, build community and be good stewards of the environment.

Mission Statement:

The mission of the New Prague Parks, Trails and Recreation System is to provide safe and quality facilities, adequate and diverse programs and active and natural open spaces for all New Prague Citizens today and into the future.

Motion carried (4-0).

Mr. Anderson gave an overview of the community input from various organizations including Scott County, LeSueur County, New Prague Community Education, New Prague Golf Club, various surveys with park related components in the last few years, specific surveys completed by Community Education for the Pool facility and programming as well as the Evening Ball program. He also noted that various organizations such as the Men's Softball League, New Prague Are Youth Soccer Club, New Prague Girls Fastpitch Association and New Prague Youth Baseball Association.

The Park Board discussed various survey results and the program participation numbers provided by Community Education.

Mike Sticha left the meeting at 7:30 PM.

The Park Board discussed the need to provide trail maps out along the trails, that more loops are needed and to think about bike lines on roads.

Planning Director Ondich stated that the trails would be a topic of discussion at a future meeting.

Matthew Lasch asked about including Natural Resources information in the Parks Chapter.

Planning Director Ondich stated that there is a separate Natural Resources Chapter that does need to be updated but that it was not specifically part of the parks chapter. He stated that the Park chapter will refer to the natural resources chapter in areas, but that the natural resources chapter still needs to be updated.

5. Miscellaneous

- a. **Warming House Use Reports** – Planning Director Ondich stated that he included use reports from Monday, February 4th through Sunday, March 3rd. He also stated that the rinks all closed for the season on Tuesday March 5th due to recent heavy snow and increased temperatures.

6. Adjournment

A motion was made by Lasch, seconded by Brown to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 PM. Motion carried (4-0).

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ken Ondich". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ken Ondich
Planning Director