

DOUGLAS COUNTY PARK ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of Meeting on December 18, 2008

10:00 a.m.

Douglas County Park Department Office

PRESENT: Dennis Acton, Lonnie Ferber, Jon Hill, Don Larson, Dick Swartzlender, Bill Swift, and Jim Dowd

ABSENT: None

GUESTS: Richard Sommer, Leila Heislein, John Wright, Milo Schauer, George Weber, Jim Peterson

Ferber called the meeting to order.

MINUTES: Larson moved for approval of the November 20, 2008 minutes and Swift seconded. Larson asked for an update on the Baker Park ribbon cutting ceremony. Dowd will ask the Commissioners and get back to the Board. It was requested that Mr. Baker's grandson be notified of the ceremony. Motion carried.

OFF AGENDA: Dowd reported on the Happy Valley Boat Ramp spill. The park was closed for almost two weeks due to a clear substance that was spilled on the boat ramp. The substance was tested and found to be safe to clean up. The park was re-opened once the substance was cleared away.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Park Advisory Board Candidate Interviews – The board interviewed six applicants for the position on the Park Advisory Board to fill Dale Christiansen's seat. Candidates included Richard Sommer, Leila Heislein, John Wright, James Peterson, George Weber and Milo Schauer.

Concluding the interviews, there was discussion regarding the candidates. Acton mentioned that he appreciated the depth of experience of the candidates. Swartzlender narrowed the list to three based on their experience: Heislein, Wright and Peterson.

MOTION: Hill moved to nominate Leila Heislein as one of the nominees. Acton seconded.

MOTION: Swift moved to nominate James Peterson as one of the nominees. Ferber seconded.

Ferber called for a vote. Hill, Swartzlender, and Acton voted for Heislein and Larson, Swift and Ferber voted for Peterson. This put the vote at a tie. It was suggested that the board only give one recommendation to the Board of Commissioners. Acton replied that after reviewing his notes, he changed his vote based on the vision of the candidates.

Ferber called for a second vote. Hill and Swartzlender voted for Heislein and Larson, Swift, Acton and Ferber voted for Peterson. Based on the votes, James Peterson will be recommended to the Board of Commissioners to fill the Park Advisory Board position.

Dowd will send a memo to the BOC with the recommendation.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None

NEXT MEETING: The next Park Board meeting will be on January 15, 2009 10:00 a.m. at Park Headquarters.

A motion to adjourn was made by Larson and seconded by Hill. The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi Wilson, Office Manager
Douglas County Park Department