

MEREDITH PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION  
Meeting Minutes May 16, 2006

Members present: Tami Carpentiere, Paula Wanzer, Cheryl Prouty

Also present: Vint Choiniere, Parks and Recreation Director

Next meeting June 20<sup>th</sup>, July 18<sup>th</sup> and August 15<sup>th</sup> 2006 at the Community Center at 6pm

Discussion of new appointees and commission roles was tabled because two members were not present. Vint asked Tami how she felt about continuing her role as co-chairperson and secretary. She will continue to do both but wanted to put it out there if anyone else was interested.

Tami has asked that the members have better communication with her regarding receiving minutes and agendas. The minutes and agenda will be mailed out to you from this point on, please be sure to bring them to the meeting so that we can get the meeting going. Please be sure that Tami has your current contact information. If you are not able to attend a meeting please let her know.

Publicity materials: Paula has reworked the brochure; it will be included in the minutes. Please review and bring comments to our next meeting.

Grand Opening of Community Center: Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Tami, Cheryl and Paula are able to assist Vint with whatever needs to be done on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Tami has volunteered to take photos and video taping of the day. Vint will let the other members know how they can help.

Vint asked how we thought the dedication/presentations should be handled. We all agreed, short and sweet with a short list of speakers. Carol will be asked to represent the town; Vint has a list of a few other speakers. The commission members recommended that the talk be short and simple so that the general audience understands what is being said. Vint is working on a draft of the powerpoint presentation and would like input on music (words or music), which pictures to include, etc, etc.

Jack's Place (the playground at the CC) was installed May 13<sup>th</sup>. Vint said it was a very mentally and physically demanding day. Despite the rain, about 35 volunteers worked throughout the day to complete the playground installation. Vint felt proud of the towns people of Meredith. Pictures of the installation day will be highlighted in the power point presentation.

Tami spoke about Child's Park. She wrote a letter to Senator Carl Johnson asking him to find out if the Dept. of Transportation has plans for reworking Meredith Center Road. Senator Johnson called Tami to let her know that he made a phone call to the DOT and was waiting to hear back from them. Tami emailed Senator Johnson but the emails kept bouncing back. She had additional information (photos of the traffic issues during baseball games) that she wanted to share with him.

A neighbor of Tami's called her to ask if the Dog Park was going to be in Child's Park. Tami was unable to answer the question. Members of the Commission attended the Dog Park meeting that was held last week. They felt that the Dog Park location hasn't been thoroughly thought out and the Commission will be developing a letter to state that the Dog Park should not be located at Waukegan Highlands. It was suggested that there may be restrictions on the land's use. Vint suggested that we contact John Edgar to find out.

Also regarding Waukegan Highlands, Vint stated that the Frisbee Golf Park will not be located at the Highlands. The Commission members that were present feel that the Highlands area is a gem to the town and should be left as is.

Vint reviewed his monthly report.

Submitted by  
Tami Carpentiere  
May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2006