

CITY OF MONROE
PARK BOARD MINUTES
August 18, 2011

Call To Order

Chairperson Karin Coppernoll called the Park Board meeting to order at 7:03pm in the Parks/Public Works Conference Room.

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Karin Coppernoll, Shawna Chamberlain, Bill Kristiansen, Steve Whalen, Collette Reams, Ralph Yingling, Steve Whalen

Board Members Absent:

Agenda Revisions – None

Approval of Minutes - Motion was made by Jeff Rasmussen and seconded by Shawna Chamberlain to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2011 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Audience Participation – Ms. Trish Lautenslerer, a resident who lives in the Fryelands development came to listen to the Cable Wake Park Concept and to comment. Motion was made by Collette Reams and seconded by Ralph Yingling to move the *Board Discussion C. Cable Wake Park Concept* to discuss during the *Audience Participation* portion of the meeting. Motion passed.

Director Mike Farrell shared that at the July 26, 2011 City Council meeting during Announcement & Presentations, Greg Dick & Brad Smith presented to the Council a conceptual proposal of entering into a private/public partnership to develop and operate a cable wakeboard facility at Lake Tye Park. Staff identified that the current Park Plan adopted in 2008 recommends the development through a private/public partnership of an enterprise recreation facility at Lake Tye Park. In addition, two of the top three recommendations in the 2007 Branding Plan for the City include - *Adopt a Challenge Sports Brand for Monroe* and *Improve City Parks for Challenge Sports Activities*. The Council directed staff at the August 16, 2011 City Council meeting to prepare a Request for Proposals for an enterprise recreation facility at Lake Tye Park.

Director Farrell then shared the information with the Board Members that was presented to the Council at the 7/26 meeting showing what a cable wakeboard park looks like and other general attributes. He expressed that both he and the City Council share the view that any such proposal must not adversely affect existing uses in and around the lake, including special events and daily general uses at the park and must be an aesthetic fit for the park.

Ms. Lautenslerer explained to the Board that she had contacted Director Farrell to learn about the proposed facility and shared her concern that the park not be dominated by a facility that pushes out existing uses. She shared that she has lived in the neighborhood since its inception and said that many neighbors share her view of Lake Tye Park as their neighborhood park. She shared that she and her neighbors do not want to feel excluded from input on changes to the park.

The Board then inquired as to the process for public during the development of the existing Park Plan and Director Farrell related that the process included multiple surveys, several public workshops and comment on the draft of the Plan before adoption was made by the City Council. The Board expressed concerns with a new facility that may dominate the look and feel of the park as it is currently. Director Farrell displayed a conceptual map of Lake Tye Park that was generated from public input for the Park Plan, as well as the conceptual drawing of the proposed cable wakeboard location. The Board noted that the south portion of the lake would be impacted by cable and pole installations and that it would be useful to see a rendering of views from the shore for such a facility. Director Farrell explained that a Request for Proposals (RFP) would be advertised and that, after receiving proposal(s) if approved by Council after public hearing on the matter, would then move into a negotiations phase for a development and operation agreement, during which more opportunity for public comment could occur.

Unfinished Business –*City/School District Athletic Facilities Long-Range Planning*- Mike Farrell shared with the board that in May, the Mayor, Parks & Recreation Director met with School district Facilities Director Ralph Yingling, Athletic Director Brett Willey and several High School coaches and discussed ideas and opportunities to identify partnerships between the two organizations for future shared facilities, namely all-weather athletic facilities at the high school. The Park Plan supports the School/Park shared facility concept for future park development similar to the Lake Tye Park/Frylands Elementary School shared field space. Representatives from the two organizations will continue to meet to advance this concept for future CIP plans.

New Business – The draft agenda for the September 15, 2011 regular meeting was discussed. Items to be added to the agenda include a general discussion on a park from the inventory list – *Lake Tye Park*. Motion made by Collette Reams and seconded by Ralph Yingling to table *Board Discussion item B. Review Park Plan Elements – Section 4.1, 4.2* to the September regular meeting. Motion passed.

Staff Reports/Updates –*Director's Report*- Mike Farrell shared with the Board the June/July monthly Department report. Items included programs and events: 9 Skyhawks camps, 2 dog agility trials, 3 model boat races, 5 youth baseball/fastpitch tournaments, emergency ham radio expo, 2 Shakespeare in the Park performances by *Last Leaf Productions* and the *Tri-Monroe USA Triathlon Olympic qualifier and ITU Pan-American Cup Series*, the *NASCAR Block Party @ Tjerne Pl.*, and the *King of Wake MasterCraft Pro Wakeboard Tour Stop*. Department staff staggered 7-day schedules in order to provide maintenance & operations service to meet public demand through the season.

Board Discussion

Hillcrest Park – Director Farrell presented the overview of Hillcrest Park located on Country Crescent Dr. in the Farm development north of US2. The neighborhood park was built in the early 2000's. The Park Plan's proposed improvements for the park include a signature arbor/trellis pergola w/ vines, playground equipment upgrades, a climbing wall and a loop path.

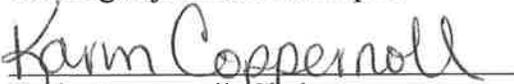
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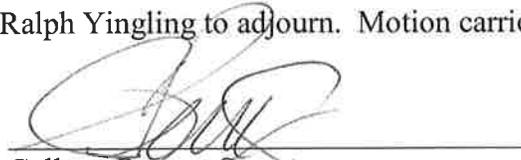
Planning Commission – Bill Kristiansen reported that the City recently hired a Planner, a Permit Technician, a Planning Manager and are undergoing recruitment for an Economic Development Manager position.

Monroe School District – Ralph Yingling reported that the Sky Valley Football teams and Cheerleaders are moving due to all of the district facilities changes and moves.

Adjournment

Motion by Collette Reams and seconded by Ralph Yingling to adjourn. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm.


Karin Coppernoll, Chairperson


Collette Reams, Secretary