

PARK BOARD  
MINUTES  
Monday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009  
8:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jubal Snitker, Orv Dahl, Laura Schaber, Greg Gall, Jim Abbott, Rick Schaber & Nick Koverman.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mike Schultz, Darlene Gilbeck, Terry Jones & Ben Barclay.

DECEMBER MINUTES:

The Board approved the December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008 minutes on a motion by J. Abbott, seconded by J. Snitker. Motion declared & carried.

PARK ACTIVITIES:

R. Schaber reported that although we have had some minor problems with vandalism in the Warming Houses, this has been one of the best years for attendance at the Ice Rinks. R. Schaber also stated that the City Crew has been doing an excellent job keeping the City Bike Trails open.

RECREATION ACTIVITIES:

R. Schaber reported that Winter/Spring Brochure is now out & that the current Adult & Youth Programs are in full swing.

BIKE TRAIL:

R. Schaber reported that the DNR has contacted him about the Bridge that will take the Bike Trail into Whitewater State Park will have to change it's location. This Bridge will go over Hwy 74 will need to be moved further to the South. R. Schaber stated that he has been in contact with the landowners that will be involved. R. Schaber also reported that T. Jones is working on the purchase agreements & hopes to have them completed by March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009.

WILD FLOWER GRANT:

The Board agreed to participate in the Winona County Wild Flower Grant on a motion by J. Snitker, seconded by G. Gall. Motion declared & carried. See attached sheets.

#### 2009 BUDGET:

R. Schaber stated that the Governor's LGA Cuts were 15% for 2009 & 30% for 2010. R. Schaber reported that the City Staff in anticipation of these cuts has already cut 20% out of this years budget. See attached sheet. R. Schaber stated that this years impact will not be as hard as it will be in 2010 & that the Board will have to have an active roll for next year budget cuts. Next meeting.

#### 2009 SUMMER BROCHURE:

R. Schaber stated that he feels some changes may need to be made for this years programs. After a long discussion, R. Schaber stated that he would like the Board to come back with some recommendations for the next meeting.

#### CITY OF LEWISTON POOL REQUEST:

R. Schaber reported that he was contacted by the City of Lewiston about the possibility of them sending buses to the Mel Brownell Family Aquatic Center for open swim & swim lessons. The City of Lewiston's Pool was closed by the Winona County Health Department. R. Schaber stated that there is a policy in place to allow area communities use of the Aquatic Center, but that a 5<sup>th</sup> Session for Swim Lessons might need to be added. The Board will revisit this topic at the next meeting.

#### 2009 FIREWORKS:

R. Schaber stated that he has received a new contract for the Fireworks for the next three years. The Board approved the new contract on a motion by J. Snitker, seconded by G. Gall. Motion declared & carried. See attached sheets.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn by J. Abbott, seconded by L. Schaber. Motion declared & carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.