

CITY OF MONROE
PARK BOARD MINUTES
January 20, 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, Ralph Yingling, Collette Reams

Board Members Absent: Bill Kristiansen

Agenda Revisions – None.

Approval of Minutes - The minutes of the regular meeting held on December 16, 2010 were reviewed. Motion was made by Shawna Chamberlain to approve the minutes and seconded by Ralph Yingling. Motion carried unanimously.

Audience Participation – None

Unfinished Business –None

New Business – Motion to table Board Discussion item *Al Borlin Park* to the February regular meeting made by Ralph Yingling seconded by Shawna Chamberlain. Motion passed unanimously.

The draft agenda for the February 17, 2011 regular meeting was discussed. Items to be added to the agenda include a general discussion on a park from the inventory list – Al Borlin Park, review of the preface of the Park Plan including the *Summary of Key Elements* and discussion of the Parks & Recreation Department's planned special events for 2011.

Election of Officers – Motion by Ralph Yingling seconded by Shawna Chamberlain to nominate Karin Coppernoll for Chairperson of the Park Board. Motion passed by unanimous vote. Motion made by Collette Reams seconded by Shawna Chamberlain to nominate Ralph Yingling for Vice-Chairperson of the Park Board. Motion passed by unanimous vote. Motion made by Ralph Yingling seconded by Shawna Chamberlain to nominate Collette Reams for Secretary of the Park Board. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Staff Reports/Updates –*Director's Report*- Mike Farrell distributed the Department monthly report to the Board Members. The report included an update on maintenance activities such as performing Utility work to save funds in the General Fund, partnering with community organizations and planning for 2011 events such as the US Pro Wakeboard Tour stop in Monroe on the weekend of July 8, 2011 and the USA Triathlon-sponsored Tri-Monroe event scheduled for June 24-26, 2011.

Flood Update- The month of December brought a significant river flooding event over the weekend of December 10-12 that damaged trails, roadway and parking areas at Al Borlin Park and Sky River Park. The preliminary damage estimate totals \$21,900.00, which has been submitted to the State and FEMA in case any emergency funding is made available to the City. Mike Farrell also reported that the same parks experienced a similar repeat of the flooding event over the weekend of January 15-16, and that a preliminary damage assessment would be conducted by staff as soon as the waters receded.

Board Discussion

The Board discussed having a monthly general discussion on elements of the Park Plan and adding periodic study sessions for the upcoming year to familiarize themselves more with the plan and in anticipation of future changes/updates to the plan. Karin Coppernoll suggested beginning with a review of the preface of the Plan including the Summary of Key Elements. Ralph Yingling noted that a new Board Member (Steve Whalen) may be confirmed for appointment by the City Council later in the month, so a review/discussion of the Park Plan preface in February may time well. The Board next discussed the format of study session topics, noting that the 'study sessions' may not be every month and that the idea is for the Board to engage on topics that are emerging (what's ahead) so that the Board may be of assistance to staff and/or Council. Collette Reams suggested that the Board take a look next month at the special events that the Parks & Recreation Department is planning for 2011.

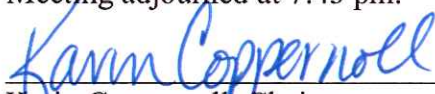
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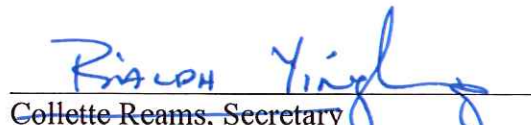
Planning Commission – No report.

Monroe School District – Ralph Yingling reported that the School District had a recent request from a private recreation provider to hold dance classes for various ages at the Middle School and that he could provide the Parks Director with their contact information if interested in exploring the opportunity. Mike Farrell answered that he would be interested in the contact information.

Adjournment

Motion by Shawna Chamberlain and seconded by Collette Reams to adjourn. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm.


Karin Coppernoll, Chairperson


Collette Reams, Secretary
Vice Chair