

**FREMONT AREA
PARK & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday, January 24, 2008
Fremont Municipal Building**

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM by Chair Rhondi Davis.

Park & Recreation Members Present: Rhondi Davis, Brian Hettinger, Roger Tuuk, Todd Blake, Dave Byrne, Jean Sherman and Bryan Kolk

Public Present: None

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Dave, seconded by Jean to approve the agenda; motion approved.

Approval of minutes from November 7, 2007 Meeting

Motion by Dave, seconded by Roger to approve minutes of the November 7th meeting; motion approved.

'The Refuge Bike Park' (Sheridan Township Property-Bike Project)

Dave reported volunteers from Rotary, Boy Scouts, the Rec Committee and various interested citizens showed up on several occasions to start blazing the trail by cleaning up areas for trail placement next Spring. He noted the first phase (1st loop) is 6-8 miles of nature riding with a dirt/woodchip surface. This could be used for bikers and hikers. The Township has already received interest from local potential donors for the project.

Todd reported meeting with Dave Lue to discuss logistics for grant writing and maintaining donated funds. It was agreed that all donated funds should go through the Foundation, so they would have good record of matching funds and donors would receive full tax benefits from their donations. Sheridan Township will maintain full accounting of funds and expenditures for the project, since it falls fully within their property and jurisdiction.

Dave also reported Joe Hunt has been collecting information for the project and will be writing and submitting an initial grant to the Foundation.

Multi-Purpose Rink – Volunteers needed for snow removal

Dave reported the rink has had good ice when the temperatures aren't fluctuating, but frequent weekend snow-fall has been a problem lately. He inquired as to whether the City would allow a couple volunteer citizens gain access to the shovel-barn by the rink on nights and weekends when needed. Brian suggested Dave have those individuals see him for approval.

Discussion on Town & Country Path Phase 2 Construction

Todd reported most of the construction of Phase 2, south of Main Street is complete. The off-road paving, striping and the bridges are done and the Snyder Ave & Lake Drive sections will be completed along with engineering for the section north of Main Street, next Spring.

The City has held off engineering for the north section of Phase 2, because of potential developments that would greatly affect actual placement of the Path. Phase 3 of the Path will also be engineered this Spring.

5-Yr Park & Recreation Capital Project Schedule Annual Update

The Committee updated the 2007 schedule and rolled over projects that weren't finished on to the next year. Some additional projects were also added to various years on the Schedule. Todd will update and forward the Schedule to the Committee via email and publish for a public hearing to be held at the next meeting to encourage public input on the 5-yr Capital Improvement Schedule. The draft will also be placed on the City's website for preliminary viewing.

Old and New Business

Todd requested the Committee consider supporting the Fremont Wrestling Club's submittal of a startup grant to the Foundation. The Club formally started last summer, but has been fundraising and coordinating organized wrestling competition for local youth for a few years. They would like to request 50% matching grant funds for the purchase of wrestling equipment for club youth members and possibly the varsity and junior high school wrestling teams.

Motion by Brian, seconded by Dave to support the Fremont Wrestling Club in their request for startup funds for wrestling equipment; motion approved.

The next meeting was scheduled for February 20, 2008 at 7PM.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM by Chair Rhondi Davis.

Respectfully submitted,
Todd M. Blake, V-Chair/Secretary