

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

**Thursday, May 22, 2008
Fremont Municipal Building**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Chair Rhondi Davis.

Park & Recreation Members Present: Rhondi Davis, Todd Blake, Jeannie Caris, Marian Oosterhouse, Pam Zuchowski

Public Present: None

Approval of Agenda

Jeannie requested addition of the following: "Chris Caris Memorial Kid's Fish Day." Motion by Pam, seconded by Marian to approve the amended agenda; motion approved.

Approval of minutes from February 20, 2008 Meeting

Motion by Marian, seconded by Jeannie to approve minutes of the 2/20/08 meeting; motion approved.

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

Marian reported Sheridan Township was recently notified of the Foundation's \$37,500 grant award for the construction of wood structures around The Refuge Bike Park and an entry sign. All phases of the proposed park are estimated to cost \$700,000.

Town & Country Path: Phase 2a & 2b

Todd reported Phase 2a construction should be done next week. He also noted the Meuwenberg Excavating submitted a bid for a portion of Phase 2b, keeping the construction cost per foot the same as Phase 2a. After further staff and engineer review, Phase 2b will traverse along the east side of Market Avenue for safety and cost-saving measures. Todd also reported the partially completed Rotary gazebo had been vandalized, but the City DPW repaired it.

Jeannie reported the following:

- sections along the Path, west of Darling Avenue, getting weed growth threw the pavement
- suggested installation of a message board off Locust Street at the wooded entrance
- asked when distant markers would be added along the Path
- suggested the T&C path marker signs be lowered
- suggested the Path brochure box have a spring-loaded lid installed above the boxes
- requested the Fremont Lake Park trash receptacle by the Path information box, be placed across the Path from the info box

Todd reported that grant writing would have to take place next Winter for construction funding of Phase 3 of the Path. Phase 3 traverses from the Industrial Park west, south and eastward to Sheridan Township Hall. He also reported the City has agreed to cover the cost of extending the Path from the creek westward to Outlot A of the Industrial Park and southward to the intersection of Locust and Green (approximately 1/3 mile.)

Jeannie also reported the T&C Path Construction Fund had a balance of \$146,269 and the Path Endowment Fund had a balance of \$11,576 as of 3/31/08. Todd noted the City requested a draw of \$90,000 from the Construction Fund for Phase 2a construction.

Old and New Business:

T&C Path Joint Fundraiser w/GMHS Tamarac: Jeannie submitted some information regarding GMHS proposed fundraiser for the Tamarac and the T&C Path. The event is scheduled for the Spring 2009 and would include an art contest and coordinated group-walk on the Path, beginning and ending at Tamarac. Proceeds would be divided 50/50 between Tamarac and the T&C Path Construction Fund.

Following discussion, there was a committee consensus to consider the proposal more with consideration for approval to follow, once additional information or progress had been made on the event.

Chris Caris Memorial Kid's Fishing Day: Jeannie also discussed the establishment and coordination of a special kid's fishing day event on Fremont Lake. The event will honor her son Chris Caris and take place on Tuesday, July 8th. They will register 30 kids at the age of 7-11, whom will be taught basic fishing techniques and taken on a boat to fish. Fishing will be followed up with lunch and a closing ceremony.

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, June 25th at 6:30 pm, depending on necessity.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM by Chair Rhondi Davis.

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