

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

**Wednesday, August 22, 2007
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, Brian Hettinger, Jeannie Caris, Roger Tuuk, Pam Zuchowski, Jean Sherman, Dave Byrne and Bryan Kolk

Public Present: Barb Sheren, Stephanie Zynn, Sandy Seigel, Ted Caris, Dusty Bitson and Joe Hunt

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Brian, seconded by Bryan to approve the agenda; motion approved.

Approval of minutes from June 13, 2007 Meeting

Motion by Brian, seconded by Pam to approve minutes of the June 13, 2007 meeting; motion approved.

Public Comments

Barb Sheren announced the District Health Dept. has scheduled a week-long trail count starting tomorrow.

Welcome GMHS & Tamarac Representatives: Tamarac Presentation

Stephanie Zynn & Sandy Seigel gave a presentation on the new 'Tamarac' facility constructed within the previously owned Wal-Mart building at Main St. and Market Ave. The new medical wellness and physical rehabilitation center will offer: a learning center, physical rehabilitation, walking track, strength and cardio area, therapy & whirlpool, locker rooms, child watch, massage, cosmetic laser and complementary medicine.

They noted Tamarac is offering community/public memberships for \$48/mo, with additional family members at reduced rates. They also expressed great interest in the Fremont Town & Country Path system' planned construction along Market Ave.

Discussion on Town & Country Path Phase 2 Construction

Todd Blake reported City is still awaiting final approval from the DNR to solicit bids for construction of Phase 2 of the Town & Country Path.

Jeannie reported she had staged a walk-through on the existing and proposed Path areas to identify placement of signs, benches and bike racks, funded by the Health Dept grant. and Todd noted most of those items have been completed and a final report will be submitted soon.

There was discussion on the possibility of implementing another 'staging area' along the Path, which would provide public parking for those who only want to traverse the Industrial Park section of the Path. Two possible places were identified: 1) Tractor Supply parking lot; and 2) Outlot A in the Industrial Park

Old and New Business

Joe Hunt, representing the citizen group developing bicycle trails on Sheridan Township's old dump property, reported that Sheridan Township has recommended the Park & Rec Committee establish a 'Sheridan Township Bike Project subcommittee' to lend support and guidance to the project. Joe requested guidance in possible DNR & Foundation grant writing.

Motion by Jeannie, seconded by Dave to establish the 'Sheridan Township Bike Project Sub-committee' with Todd and Dave as Committee representatives on the sub-committee; motion approved.

Dave recommended the Recreation Authority Sub-committee reconvene to start preparation for the 2008 election year. The Committee agreed they should meet before 2008 to refresh themselves on the steps that need to be taken.

Rhondi introduced Jean Sherman as Dayton Township' new representative on the Committee.

The next meeting was scheduled for October 10, 2007.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 PM by Chair Rhondi Davis.

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