

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

**Tuesday, December 28, 2010  
Fremont Municipal Building**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Chair Todd Blake.

**Park & Recreation Members Present:** Todd Blake, Bryan Kolk, Brian Hettinger, Jim Featherstone, Marian Oosterhouse and Jean Sherman. Pam Zuchowski and Roger Tuuk were absent.

**Public Present:** City Manager Bryan Gruesbeck, Dave Byrne, Lindsay Hagar, Dave Ouwinga and Ron VanderLoon

**Approval of Agenda**

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

**Public Hearing: To Receive Public Comment on Proposed Park & Recreation 5-yr Capital Projects**

The Chair opened the Public Hearing at 6:40 pm and briefly reviewed the completed projects for 2010. The Committee then reviewed the proposed projects scheduled for calendar years 2011-2015. He noted this schedule is reviewed, updated and approved annually and is an essential part of the Fremont Area Park & Recreation Master Plan. The overall Plan will expire December 31, 2011, so the Committee will have to start the Plan's review process by early Fall this year.

There was discussion on the Town & Country Path's Phase 3, planned to extend from the Fremont Industrial Park southward and around Fremont Lake to Sheridan Township Hall. Sheridan Township and Path committee members held two public meetings, inviting all property owners along the proposed route for public input. The Township will have to secure several easements along Green and 64<sup>th</sup> Street, to complete the Phase 3 route.

Jim Featherstone confirmed Fremont Public Schools is still planning to extend a non-motorized sidewalk/pathway from Stewart Avenue westward to the new High School, northwest to the Middle School and potentially westward to the Path along Lake Drive by the Bus Garage. It will depend on available funding towards the end of the School's new high school construction project.

Lindsay Hagar informed the committee that FPS recently contracted with Hagar Consulting Services to research potential uses of the current high school, following final completion of the new high school. He noted his report will most likely address potential establishment of a recreation authority to use the high school's existing recreation facilities.

Todd also reported the Committee should be thinking about establishment of a recreation authority again, whereas the Committee postponed discussion of its establishment during the School's new high school bond campaign. With its recent passing and construction underway, there has been recent discussion on the establishment, funding and operation of an authority again.

The Hearing was closed at 7:00 pm and Todd noted he would update the 5-yr Schedule and forward it back to the committee by January 7<sup>th</sup>. He also noted the Schedule should be adopted before the end of January, so the next meeting was scheduled for January 25, 2011.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Todd M. Blake, Chair/Secretary