CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:02 by Chair Ron Beckman.

Commissioners attending the meeting were Mayor Ron Jabs, Chair Ron Beckman, Tim Bischke, Donna Breeggemann, Jerry Langsweirdt, and Willy Pauly.

Staff in attendance: Public Works Director Dave Bendzick, Senior Planner Joe Janish, and Planner Casey MacCallum.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Motion by Willy Pauly, seconded by Donna Breeggemann, to accept the August 27, 2007 regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion unanimously approved.

PRESENTATIONS: There were one presentations.

A. Mark Themig from Scott County Parks. Mark presented the County’s Parks and Trails Chapter of the Comprehensive Plan. The discussion included the following:
   • Trails,
   • Connections,
   • Definitions,
   • Mapping and City connections, and
   • Implementation

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Timberline Park.
As directed staff returned to the Commission to fulfill the request from the Timberline Homeowners Association to improve the Timberline Park. The Association will contribute $1,500 for improvements.

Public Works Director Dave Bendzick will be present to discuss these improvements and the City requests guidance as to whether the proposed gazebo and improvements to Timberline Park are acceptable. Following are the costs of 4 different types of gazebos and the price of providing electricity to Timberline Park would be $500 for equipment and $1,500 to dig and trench the line:

EF Anderson:
   20’ Steal Hex (same as Bridle Creek Park) $24,148.65
   20’ Steal Square $21,692.50

MN Playground

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20’ Steal Square $28,083.89

Momer Construction
20’ Hex Wood Construction $17,000.00

If the Park and Recreation Commission supports this request funds would come from the Park Equipment Improvement Fund (PEI).

It was discussed that the foundation would be cement, and electricity should be provided by the homeowners association.

Staff was directed to develop a list for features that should be in neighborhood parks.

Motion Jerry Langsweirdt, second Willy Pauly, to recommend the City Council construct a 20’ steel hexagonal gazebo for a cost of $24,148.65 in Timberline Park. Motion was 4 members in favor of the motion and 2 against, motion passes.

B. Adopt-A-Park. At a previous Parks and Recreation Meeting Member Breeggemann requested staff to research establishing an Adopt-A-Park program. Most programs are administrative and only request a spring and a fall cleanup from the participants, though usually get more help. The costs to the City include minor staff time, gloves and bags when requested, and minor equipment and materials.

State statutes require that any Adopt-A-Park programs are only supplemental not replacing or decreasing staff time and employment.

The Commission agreed and discussed marketing, Adopt-A-Garden and recognition for volunteers. Staff will return to the next meeting with regulations for the Adopt-A-Park program.

NEW BUSINESS: There were three items of new business.

PLANNER’S REPORT: There were three items on the Planner’s Report.

A. Accounts. As of the end of July 2007 the Parkland Dedication account had $557,050.31 and the Park Equipment Improvement account has $113,117.55.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT:

The Commission discussed the disposal of pet waist and details about the pond dredging.

ADJOURN: Motion by Willy Pauly, seconded by Chris Schwinger, to adjourn at 8:56p.m. Motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Casey MacCallum
Planner