CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 8:02pm by Vice-Chair Donna Breeggemann.

Commissioners attending the meeting were Chair Jerry Langsweirdt (8:31), Vice-Chair Donna Breeggemann, Tim Bischke, Tania Branitski, Margaret Knutson and Willy Pauly; and Council Representative Mayor Ron Jabs.

Staff in attendance: Planner Casey MacCallum.

Also in attendance: John Breunig, John Breimhorst, Mary Jane Laplant, Betty Huebner.

ADOPT AGENDA: Tania Branitski, seconded by Willy Pauly, to adopt the agenda with the addition of 5D Josh Anderson Bench Memorial, and acknowledging that 5D and 6A will be presented at the beginning of the meeting.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Motion by Ron Jabs, seconded by Tania Branitski, to accept the August 25, 2008 meeting minutes as presented. Motion unanimously approved.

PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS: There were no presentations.

OLD BUSINESS: there was 1 item of old business.

D. Josh Anderson Bench Memorial. As presented by Planner MacCallum. The Parks and Recreation Commission decided the placement of the Josh Anderson Bench Memorial would be 100 feet south east of the Cannon along the shore of the Mill Pond during their June 23rd meeting. Staff informed the Commission that placement south of Ken Crane’s bench memorial will be stalled because of the Park Drive reconstructions. Staff’s recommendation is to place the bench 100 feet southeast along the Mill Pond shore in one of the two clearings, depending on Public Works Director Dave Bendzick’s opinion at the time of placement.

Commission discussion: The PRC discussed funding groups, and potential dedication on Veterans Day November 11th, or the date of his death.

Informational only.

NEW BUSINESS: There was 1 item of new business.

A. Mini Met Improvements. As presented by Planner MacCallum. John Breunig and John Breimhorst requested the Commission review and recommend the City Council approve Improvements to the Mini Met Ball Park. Those improvements included: reroof grandstand ($7,500.00); replace cement in shelter and walkway ($7,500.00); hillside sprinkler system ($500.00); playing field ($500.00); replace dead trees beyond the outfield fence ($750.00)
Commission discussion: The Commission discussed the financial cost of replacing the grandstand if it were not reroofed, and the poor quality of the concession stand’s cement floor. The Commission also discussed funding all of the projects.

Motion Tania Branitski, second Willy Pauly, to recommend the City Council fund the entire $16,750 for the improvements to the Mini Met Ball Park from the PEI Fund. Motion unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS: there were 4 items of old business.

A. Timberline Park Playground Equipment. Planner MacCallum informed the Commission that staff would need more time to provide a full recommendation to forward to the City Council; and that the City was planning to replace several of the dead trees at Timberline Park.

Informational only.

B. CIP. Planner MacCallum provided the Commission with a format and proposed projects; and received additional projects from the Commissioners. Staff received the CIP from the Commissioners and would bring a draft version of the CIP to a future meeting.

Informational only.

C. Goals and Objectives. Planner MacCallum provided the Commission with a list of programs and projects for Commissioners to prioritize. Staff received the ranked lists and would start developing projects in order of the prioritized projects.

D. Josh Anderson Bench Memorial. Moved forward in the agenda.

PLANNER’S REPORT: There were 2 items on the Planner’s Report.

A. Accounts. Planner MacCallum informed the Parks and Recreation Commission that as of September 16, 2008 the Parkland Dedication account had $413,657.31 and the Park Equipment Improvement account has $89,930.45.

B. Park and Recreation Commission Name. Planner MacCallum provided the Commission with Chapter 31.20 and 31.23, which outlined the function and establishment of the Park and Recreation Commission.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT:

Commissioner Margaret Knutson discussed details from Community Education.

Commissioner Ron Jabs provided an email from Guy Beck, River Valley Junior Cycling.

ADJOURN: Motion by Margaret Knutson, seconded by Donna Breeggemann, to adjourn at 9:52pm. Motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Casey MacCallum
Planner