

Special Dune Meadows Park Meeting

October 23, 2006

Call to order: 7:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Park Board Members Present: President - Zathoe Sexton, Member - Rondi Wightman, Member - Becky Maranto. Also present: Park Superintendent Jim Miller and Park Administrator Stephanie Miller. Vice President – Patty Raffin was absent.

Zathoe explained to the audience that this is a Special Meeting to discuss Dune Meadows Park. She sent out a letter to all the residents of Dune Meadows and Wagner Hills with information and a comment card. At this meeting the audience was asked to step up to the podium if they would like to voice their opinion, state their name and address, and tell the Park Board within two minutes the reasons they are for or against the installation of Dune Meadows Park.

Spoke in favor of Dune Meadows Park: Carrie Ailes at 1075 Dune Meadows Drive, and Richard Burkhalter at 1155 Dune Meadows Drive.

Sent in comment card in favor of Dune Meadows Park: Jeff Mitchell at 1345 Dune Meadows Drive, and Gary & Robin James at 1005 Dune Meadows Drive.

Sent an email against Dune Meadows Park: Becky Mateja at 1105 Dune Meadows Drive.

Rondi Wightman made a motion to propose that the Park Board open the Dune Meadows Park project up for discussion both in support of and any other concerns about the tot lot. Becky Maranto seconded the motion.

Discussion: Becky Maranto said that she is very excited about the Dune Meadows Park project. She said the plan is fantastic and she is thrilled about the possibility to bring a tot lot to more children in this Town. Zathoe Sexton said that Mr. Burkhalter designed the lay out of Dune Meadows Park and put in a lot of his own time as a volunteer effort and the Park Department really appreciates it. “Thank you Mr. Burkhalter”. Rondi Wightman said that it seems to be unclear to many of the residents that the money for the Pond is a very separate pool of funds than the money for the Park. Zathoe said that the Park Department is moving forward with looking at what we can do and what needs to be done about the Pond. She said the Park got a survey of the depth and we know that the Pond needs to be dredged. Now we are looking at the requirements for the dredging because we have to deal with different agencies to have it done. We have to find out who can do the dredging, put that out for bid, and figure out where those funds will come from. When they dredge the Pond, the material has to be hauled away immediately and disposed of in a certain manner. This is going to be very costly. That is why we are looking at Grant money to take care of that. Our budget will never be big

enough to cover that. The Pond for the most part is very shallow. The deepest part of it is only five feet deep and a large part of that is only two to three feet deep. Jim Miller passed out to the residents a copy of the depth survey. Mr. Burkhalter offered to assist the Park Department in any way. After this discussion a vote was taken and all were in favor.

Becky Maranto made a motion to proceed with the project for the Park at Dune Meadows and the funds allocated there to. Rondi Wightman seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Jim Miller said that the Park needs a Boundary Survey to make sure that we know where the Park property starts and where the easement is. A motion was made by Rondi Wightman to research the funds necessary and have a Boundary Survey completed at Dune Meadows Park. Becky Maranto seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Jim told the Park Board that he has to check with the Clerk Treasurer to make sure that our portion of the CREDIT money is available. I know we are expecting a draw the first of December so we might have to wait until the draw comes. \$14,000 will come from CREDIT and \$6,000 from Park Improvements so that totals \$20,000.

Zathoe Sexton closed the petitions from the floor at this point.

Minutes: Rondi Wightman made a motion to approve the September 19, 2006 minutes. Becky Maranto seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Meeting Adjourned: A motion to adjourn the Special Dune Meadows Park Board Meeting at 7:25 pm was made by Becky Maranto. Rondi Wightman seconded the motion. All were in favor. The next Park Board Meeting will be on Tuesday, November 21, 2006 at 7:00 pm in the Hawthorne Park Community Center.

President

Vice President

Member

Member

Minutes taken and report prepared by: Park Secretary – Stephanie Miller