

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA

Special Work Session – October 10, 2006

Pursuant to due call and notice, a regular meeting/work session of the City Council of the City of Bemidji, Beltrami County, Minnesota, was held on Tuesday, October 10, 2006, at 5:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of City Hall, Mayor Lehmann presiding.

The following Councilmembers were declared present: Downs, Hellquist, Johnson, Erickson, Markeson, Lehmann, Meuers.

Staff Present: Alan Felix, Dan Haluptzok, Shawn M. Swenson.

Others Present: Jeff Schoenbauer

Mayor Lehmann stated that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss a Design Development Review Checklist for Diamond Point Park. Schoenbauer handed out an outline reviewing a checklist of items.

Some of the Design issues affecting the master plan are:

- The swimming area has been shifted to the north shoreline.
- The road layout was mildly changed to preserve as many trees as possible with a larger turnaround for ease of use.

Other highlights of the park's master plan were discussed and included: (1) The main park building, which will hold 50-75 people under the roof. It will have vending, restrooms, storage and a plaza area. (2) The picnic pavilion, which will hold 75-100 people. The pavilion will have a plaza/deck with arbor and a serving counter. (3) The outdoor program building, which will be a Bemidji State University facility with public restrooms, storage area, general use area, break space and utility area. This building will provide rentals such as canoes, kayaks, sailboats, volleyballs, croquette, etc.

Other plans for the park include picnic shelters of several sizes, trails for walking/biking, including a Walk of Tim trail along the south shore with a boardwalk-type experience, a play area, swimming/beach area, boat rack for BSU and public rental, an event/performance area, docks, lawn games areas and the existing boat launch.

Council discussed that this plan has become much more expensive than what they had agreed on in the 2001 Park Plan. They stated they were aware of inflation and such, but concerned about there being enough money for the other parks and trails plans they have for the Bemidji Area, especially if the Bemidji Park on the south shore of Lake Bemidji becomes a reality.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shawn M. Swenson
Deputy City Clerk