

MAPLE GROVE

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 18, 2016

Community Center
7:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Chair Bill Lewis at 7:34 p.m.

Board Members Present

Board Members present were: Chair, Bill Lewis; Vice Chair, John Ferm and Board Members: Deb Syhre, Terry Sharp, Troy Nygaard and Kelly Cunningham.

Board Members Absent

Board Members absent were: Ken Helvey

Also Present

Also present were: Phil Leith, Council Representative; Terry Just, Director; Mark Saari, Superintendent of Recreation; Chuck Stifter, Superintendent of Parks and Planning; Lisa Jost, Community Center Manager; Patty Anderson, Administrative Supervisor; Scott Roberts, Parks Supervisor; Kris Orluck, Senior Coordinator; Paul Kangas and Nate Ekhoﬀ, Loucks.

Approval Of Agenda

Motion made by Board Member Nygaard, seconded by Board Member Syhre to approve the agenda for the February 18, 2016 meeting as presented.

Upon call for the question, on a voice vote, there were six ayes and no nays. Motion carried.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

**Special Business
Item #2
55 Forward
Coordinator Report**

Kris Orluck presented the staff report regarding the 55 Forward program. She highlighted a recent newspaper article about the suburbs bracing for baby boomers, noting the changing demographics. She indicated that Maple Grove has an advantage in lot of ways in that they have a transit system and a number of senior housing options available.

Kris Orluck referenced the group “A Lifetime Community”, which is a consortium of people from the Maple Grove Hospital; several churches and herself.

Kris Orluck reviewed the participation summary, noting the average daily attendance was 230 and that total participation for the year was 55,891. She indicated that one of the constraints for programming is the issue of space. She noted the other issue is staff capacity and stated that they are very thankful for all the volunteers that help them run the programs

Kris Orluck noted they had 10 people travel to Italy this year. She also highlighted the Nordic walking group which moved inside for the winter. She reviewed the participation in Pickleball, which continues to grow. She indicated that this year they will be doing some adventure trips with Wilderness Inquiry. She also noted the addition of an adult coloring class.

Kris Orluck displayed one of the 400 hats that are made per month by the knitting group and donated to the hospital. She indicated the group has started a new service project where they take strips of plastic bags and crochet them into mats which are then donated to homeless shelters.

Kris Orluck stated that challenges for the coming years include the increase in the number of possible participants. She noted that 14.5% of Maple Grove's population is 55 to 65 years old right now and that will be reflected in the programming needs in the next five to ten years.

Board Member Syhre indicated that she has had the opportunity to take some of the classes and noted that the instructors have been amazing. She thanked Kris for all her hard work in making the program so successful. Board Member Cunningham stated that she comes to the Community Center often and it is great to see the rooms filled with activities.

Chair Lewis noted he felt we have not yet seen the effect of the expansion of senior housing in the City in the last couple of years. Kris Orluck indicated that they are doing some joint programming at Silver Creek. Chair Lewis commented on the need for programming specifics for both the younger active group and the older less active group. Kris Orluck noted that they in essence need to program for three different generations.

The Director referenced the participation summary and indicated that in the room they are in, they have 92 people doing

Duplicate Bridge. He indicated that at some point in the future they may need to consider looking at some architectural changes to accommodate the increased participation.

Responding to a question from Board Member Sharp, Kris Orluck noted they recruit volunteers by putting it in the newsletter. She stated a lot of times someone will come to her and want to do a specific activity and she indicates that if they are willing to lead the group, staff can assist them in getting it organized. Board Member Sharp suggested that perhaps they could do something with the website where people could register their talents.

BOARD MEMBER/STAFF REPORTS

Miscellaneous Board Member Reports

Welcome: Board Member Syhre welcomed Board Member Cunningham to the Board.

Special Event: Chair Lewis reminded everyone to put March 9th on their calendar for the Director's farewell event.

Rush Creek Playground: Board Member Cunningham noted that she had been contacted by a Maple Grove mom regarding the need for new play equipment at the Rush Creek and that fact that she was told they would not get it until 2018. She stated that when she was meeting with the Director he looked up the schedule which indicated it had moved up to this year. She noted it was nice to be able to report back that news with the understanding that it was now scheduled for this year, but may be postponed if another greater need arises.

Miscellaneous Staff Reports

Board Member Orientation: The Director stated that he did have the pleasure of giving an orientation of the system to Board Member Cunningham, using the orientation he had developed for the City Administrator.

Infrastructure Tour: The Director noted that he was able to give Council Member Leith a behind the scenes tour of the infrastructure of the Community Center. He pointed out that the building is twenty years old and in the next twenty years there will be the need to update a lot of things. He noted the leak in the roof and indicated some items that are on a twenty year replacement schedule and noted the Board views a five year schedule at budget time.

Staff Reports: The Director indicated the special staff reports that are currently given to the Board in specific months, such as the Teen program and the 55 Forward program. He indicated there is the potential for others such as youth sports, facility coordinators, aquatic, and park maintenance to do a similar report each year if the Board wished.

Board Member Sharp indicated it would be a great idea. Chair Lewis noted that it would be educational for both the Board and staff. He noted that those individuals are really close to what is happening and to hear their point of view of what is going well and what isn't might better equip the Board to address certain things. Board Member Nygaard stated it would help the Board be better informed. It was agreed that they would have one special staff report per month.

Open Dome: The Director noted that they had 198 people attend Open Dome on President's Day. Mark Saari indicated they would have four more open days before the end of the Dome season on April 1st.

CAC Youth Sports: The Director noted that the CAC has been studying youth sports in the community for about the last 14 months. He indicated that they have forwarded some questions to him before they write their final draft. The Director stated that staff is working on a draft response and will forward that to Chair Lewis and the City Administrator for their comments. He noted they will make a presentation at CAC's March 16, 2016 meeting. Chair Lewis asked that if anyone would like to see the response or make comments to please let him know. The Director clarified the meeting is open to the public and will be held in the EOC downstairs at 7:00 p.m.

Dome Lighting: The Director indicated that staff is doing some studying with regards to Dome lighting. He stated that they would like to see some place that has LED lights in a Dome situation and have not found that yet. Mark Saari noted the concept was discussed during the design phase of the Dome, but the architects felt the caliber of the lights at that time would not perform well in that environment. He indicated that data is suggesting there could be substantial savings but there is nothing in MN that currently uses that system. He stated that staff will continue to look the issue, but again noted it is hard to

evaluate at this time.

Goose Management: The Director noted that this year they will again have the goose management program, which will be managed by Scott Roberts.

Veteran's Service Center: The Director stated that they had the grand opening of the Veteran's Service Center at the Community Center. Board Member Sharp commented that it was an outstanding program with a lot more people there than they had probably anticipated. He indicated that people seemed appreciative to now have such a service in the community.

Rec Trac: Mark Saari noted that they will be using Rec Trac for the second registration time when spring registration starts next week. He stated they are using it for membership and passes to the Community Center. He indicated they are hopeful by April to have the rental and all other programs in the system. Mark Saari stated that the biggest issue they have had is that some of the point of sale cash registers freeze up, generally on the weekend.

Central Park: Chuck Stifter stated that they continue to try to get the punch list completed at Central Park. He noted they did get the color changed on the pergola, but indicated progress on other things is not at the pace he would like. Chuck Stifter indicated the fire pit is pretty much ready to go but they will wait until the transition period to get it operational. He stated that the water and fire damage repair is going slowly due to the insurance claim and the number of people investigating the matter.

Chuck Stifter noted the ice on the ice trail is looking good, but it will be tested tomorrow when it will be warmer and windy. He indicated they have a good base of about 2 inches and are tentatively trying to extend the season to March 13th. Discussion occurred that it is getting a lot of use and is a wonderful addition to the Community. It was noted that this is an incredibly poor winter for the outdoor rinks, so it has been nice to have the ice loop.

Director Farewell: The Director stated that Patty Anderson, Jan Clark, and Mark Saari are working on a farewell for him. He indicated that if any of the Board wished to speak, they

should let one of those three people know.

Council News: Council Member Leith noted that at their February 1st Council Meeting they accepted a donation from the Maple Grove Lions in the amount of \$30,000 designated to be used for Central Park. He indicated the Lions have donated about \$140,000 to date for a project in the park.

Council Member Leith stated that plans for a Hy-Vee grocery store to be located off Bass Lake Road and Co. Rd. 101 will be going before the Planning Commission shortly. He noted there is also a proposed convenience store and gas station for that area.

Council Member Leith noted the Council is holding a work session on Saturday, February 20th from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. He indicated that each department director will make a presentation and discuss what is going well and what is not. Responding to a question, he did not know if the session would be recorded.

A question was raised regarding the status of the proposed development at Elm Creek and Hemlock, the Village of Arbor Lakes. Council Member Leith indicated that is still going back and forth, as the developer is seeking to do some things differently than have been done in the past.

Chair Lewis asked that Council Member Leith pass on to the Lions the Board's appreciation for their continued support and their donation.

CONSENT BUSINESS

Consent Business

Motion made by Board Member Nygaard, seconded by Vice Chair Ferm to approve the Consent Items as presented.

- A. January 21, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes**
- B. January 25, 2016 Adjourned Meeting Minutes**
- C. Disbursements**
- D. PT Employees**
- E. Youth Sports Photo Agreement**
- F. Special Use Permit & Fee Waiver Request – MCGO**
- G. Tournament Request – MapleBrook Soccer**

H. Authorize Request for Bids – 2016 Park Paving Project

I. 2016 Forestry Services Agreement, Three Rivers

J. Special Use Permit – Charities Challenge

K. Rice Lake Trail 1-94 Boardwalk Repair

Vice Chair Ferm raised a question regarding Item H and how long of a life they generally get out of basketball and tennis courts. He specifically questioned the age of the courts at Cedar Island. Chuck Stifter noted those are probably 20 years old. He indicated that depending on soil conditions they should get between 20 and 25 years of use.

Vice Chair Ferm raised a question regarding Item I and where in Central Park they would anticipate putting the trees from Three Rivers Park. He also questioned if those trees were included in the original landscape plan or if they would be in addition. Chuck Stifter stated that they would probably focus around the pond to naturalize that area. He indicated that the original master plan showed that they would naturalize the area below the trail and down to the pond. He noted they did not do a planting design.

Upon call for the question, on a voice vote, there were five ayes, no nays and one abstention, with Board Member Syhre abstaining. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

**Old Business, Item #1
Elm Creek Special
Use Arboretum
Master Plan Update**

Patty Anderson presented the staff report regarding the Master Plan Update for the Elm Creek Use Special Park. She introduced Paul Kangas and Nate Ekhoﬀ from Loucks and Associates, who will make a presentation and request feedback from the Board.

Paul Kangas thanked the Board for choosing Loucks and noted they do a lot of work in Maple Grove and are oﬃced here. He noted the Board was receiving a copy of the program elements of the master plan, along with Concept A and B and a comment page. Paul Kangas requested that the Board complete the comment page and return it to Patty Anderson, noting they are seeking their candid feedback. He indicated they are not talking about

financials at this point and whether or not an item is worth the cost, noting that cost estimates will come at a future meeting.

Nate Ekhoﬀ noted they had met with staff and he highlighted the project goals that had been identified. He detailed the program elements for the Phase 3 expansion/overall master plan. Nate Ekhoﬀ detailed Concept A which maintains the trail as it exists, allows the program elements to remain focused to the south, and transitions to a more natural feel to the north. He indicated that both concepts enhance the street edge with a trail on the east side of Fernbrook and enhance the views and access to the water.

Nate Ekhoﬀ detailed the components of Concept A; noting improved signage, overlook structures, garden spaces, natural trails, art pieces, on street parking, and trailhead. He displayed pictures of what the following areas to the north might look like: an overlook structure, the soft trail, natural play areas, naturalized planting area along Fernbrook, open lawn space, garden area, enhanced buffering by the residential area and public art. He also displayed pictures of what the features to the south might look like including garden spaces, buffer and maintaining the parking. He noted the existing Angel of Hope and the shelter building. He showed images of what the streetscape could look like along Fernbrook.

Paul Kangas noted Fernbrook is currently a County road, but with the completion of TH 610 it is anticipated that road would be turned back to the city. He indicated that it will definitely be different than it is today and that there may be some opportunities in the future with regards to the sides of the street.

Nate Ekhoﬀ pointed out that as you travel north the elevation becomes much higher and provides a great opportunity for buffering and to view the park. He noted they also identified some areas for outdoor classes, meadow areas and interactive public art.

Nate Ekhoﬀ noted the current signage as you enter the park and ways that they could improve upon that. He indicated that they could consider replicating what they have done around the Town Green and Central Park. He highlighted other notable elements of Concept A, pointing out that with Concept A the

picnic shelter remains where it is currently located. He highlighted where a potential fishing pier could occur and how the kayak/canoe area might be enhanced.

Nate Ekhoﬀ detailed Concept B, noting it would realign the existing trail to make it more meandering and more of a natural feel. He indicated the program elements would remain to the south and that the plan would add a parking lot to the north, whereas Concept A provides oﬀ street parking. He reviewed the enhanced streetscape and enhanced views and access to the water.

Nate Ekhoﬀ reviewed the north portion of Concept B, highlighting the overlook, the soft trail, natural play area and buﬀer. He highlighted the additional parking which would provide easier access to the dam area. Paul Kangas noted that the additional parking is modiﬁed from what was shown in the 1997 Master Plan. He indicated the parking lot is something that staﬀ does not currently agree with or support. He also noted that they are seeking the Board’s input relative to what type of park they want this to be whether it should remain a park of discovery or should there be more programming yet allows for natural/quiet areas.

Nate Ekhoﬀ reviewed the south portion of Concept B, highlighting the street scape, the recognition area, the Angel of Hope and the relocation of the picnic area further south. He displayed photos of how the various areas might be done. He indicated the public art areas would be where the trails come together. Nate Ekhoﬀ highlighted how they could have a structure overlooking the water. He pointed out that both concepts reﬂect a restroom, probably a CXT type.

Nate Ekhoﬀ addressed the public servant recognition area in Concept A, noting the program elements include some type of monument/public art, enhanced views, and seating opportunities. He indicated this concept provides more of a linear trail concept which leads all the way out to Fernbrook. Paul Kangas noted the existing trees provide a more intimate area. He noted examples of possible monuments.

A question was raised if the recognition area would include veterans as that is already being addressed at Central Park. Patty Anderson noted they would be recognizing those

individuals that have had many years of service to the City. The Director noted this was Patty's idea from at least a year ago. He indicated he ran the idea by the Chair, the City Administrator and the Mayor and they were in support of it. He noted if someone had a number of years of service, maybe 20 or 25, they would have their name on a plaque. The Director indicated they were considering staff, Board Members and City Council members.

Nate Ekhoﬀ reviewed the public servant recognition area in Concept B, highlighting the one gathering space rather than a trail. He noted images of what could be used to put the names one.

Nate Ekhoﬀ reviewed the Angel of Hope and picnic shelter and highlighted the program elements they wish to accomplish in that area. He indicated that in both concepts, the Angel of Hope and the existing pavers stay in the same location. He detailed Concept A which is a more formal layout, and noted the multiple seating areas and that it would extend it to the east to the water. He indicated it would have trail access to Fernbrook Lane and noted that it could be done in multiple phases.

Paul Kangas noted that Loucks provided pro bono services for the Angel statue shortly after he joined them. He indicated he is amazed that it is close to being full and noted the need for something of this nature. He pointed out that they have explored not just additional space for the pavers, but also additional seating and additional ways that people can participate.

Board Member Cunningham noted she had lost her nephew and the Angel of Hope has become very important to her extended family. She pointed out there are not that many of them across the country and that it would be fantastic to have some quiet space there for the families.

Responding to a question, Nate Ekhoﬀ clarified the blue shown in the Concept Plan does not reflect water and indicated the seating areas, open space and plantings that would be in that space.

Board Member Cunningham noted that they are encouraging people to interact with the water. She raised a concern about

children and if they would be able to get into the water and how deep it was. Paul Kangas indicated that from a design perspective it is safer to have a controlled edge that is uniform and slip resistant. He noted that there presently a lot of foot traffic in this area and this is an opportunity to make it safer. He stated he did not know the water depth.

Board Member Syhre stated that this area has a special purpose and she wondered if adding the piece to the water was necessary. She noted people come there for a purpose and did not know if they needed to be by the water. She suggested that maybe that water access feature would be better in another location. She indicated it is not the place to have that activity and Board Member Cunningham agreed. Paul Kangas noted that is exactly the type of feedback they were seeking.

Nate Ekhoﬀ displayed Concept B for the Angel of Hope statue, which shows a circular flow around it and intimate seating areas. He indicated this concept would need to modify the tree stand to the north.

Paul Kangas noted that the location of the existing picnic shelter is viewed by some as being too close to the statue. He indicated it is hard to get a natural buffer between the shelter and the statue and perhaps there is a desire long term to move the shelter. He reviewed the discussion they had about the plaza area and indicated the thinking would be to accommodate the larger groups through sidewalks rather a larger plaza.

Board Member Syhre noted the design allows for private space if several people were there at one time.

Nate Ekhoﬀ noted that both concepts for the statue are more formal in contrast with the rest of the park and tends to highlight the significance of it.

Responding to a question about the cost between the two statue concepts, Paul Kangas indicated that they would be addressing costs next month. He noted he did not feel there would need to be a significant cost difference between the two and both could be phased.

Vice Chair Ferm questioned if they were envisioning the relocation of the picnic shelter or construction of a new one.

Paul Kangas indicated that would depend on the timing and noted there is a lot of life left in the current shelter. He pointed out that the shelter is well used and noted the issue of deciding if they want the park to be more of a discovery park as opposed to having more built elements.

Board Member Cunningham noted she did like the natural play area, but did not think there was a need for a parking lot to the north.

Chair Lewis raised a question about the off street parking and would it be able to be done off the current right of way of Fernbrook Lane.

Discussion occurred regarding the assumption that Fernbrook will be turned back to the City. Patty Anderson indicated she did have a discussion with one of the engineering staff, who stated they could not make any promises, but would be willing to look at the situation in the future. She noted they discussed that it could be done similar to parking on Main Street.

Paul Kangas indicated that they did not feel there was a shortage of parking. He stated the reason they showed the parking to the north was that they felt there was shortage of parking close to some of the features in that area. He noted they could remove that potential parking if that was the Board's desire.

Board Member Syhre noted she is very familiar with this park and indicated that the nature of it is more discovery and exploration. She stated that there is typically not a huge demand for parking and that there is sufficient parking right now. Board Member Syhre noted that during the Angel of Hope ceremony they utilize parking across the street and are fortunate to have the support of the Police in directing traffic. She pointed out that as the event grows, they could perhaps use the elementary school or high school parking lot and shuttle people back and forth. Board Member Syhre noted that she did like the natural play area.

Responding to a question, Patty Anderson noted they would like the Board to have the opportunity to take some time to look at the concepts in detail and contact staff if they have any questions. She requested that they send the comment form back

to her by February 26th. She summarized the Board's feedback so far with regards to not bringing the Angel of Hope plaza area to the water's edge; not looking favorably on the parking lot; and looking favorably on the nature play area. She asked if there were any other things that Board would like to provide feedback at this time.

Vice Chair Ferm noted the issue of sponsorship opportunities and indicated that would seem to be a priority. He questioned where they would put the additional sponsorship trees and did they need to provide space for more than 100 trees.

Nate Ekhoft indicated that once they have the Board's direction about Concept A or B or a combination thereof, they would look to shape the new program areas and paths with the trees. He indicated that they would also consider the trees up by the street to provide a buffer. Paul Kangas noted there could be other sponsorship opportunities, whether it is benches or public art.

Vice Chair Ferm indicated he was against the natural play area, indicating he did not feel it fit with the concept. He also raised a question about additional maintenance. Scott Roberts stated it would increase the maintenance and he was not overly concerned about it at this time, but it may be something that would impact staffing down the road.

Board Member Cunningham asked about the overall concept of the Park. Patty Anderson noted the park has evolved over the past 30 years from the original Arboretum design. She indicated she would be glad to provide her with more information. Board Member Cunningham indicated her willingness to be more involved in the design process.

The Director noted that staff did meet with Loucks and provided some feedback. He indicated that some of that seemed to have gotten missed. The Director noted the issue of cost and what is in the present plan. He stated that the plan feels a lot more like Town Green and Central Park while one of the goals was to maintain the existing character. He noted that they have shown a lot of formal type things and if that is what the Board wants, they need to be aware of the increased cost. The Director stated that at some point they will need to show this to the residents and get their feedback. He noted his concern with

the overlooks and the fact that the elevation is higher and would look into the homes across the creek. He indicated the overlook to the north is perhaps a little further away, but still fairly close.

Responding to question, Paul Kangas indicated the width of the park is less than 300 feet in spots and a little wider to the north.

Paul Kangas noted the images shown may have projected a higher level of finish than there would need to be. He indicated there are additional opportunities for trails, but they would not need to be asphalt. Regarding cost, Paul Kangas noted they are probably one of the more pragmatic landscape designers when it comes to cost. He indicated they would cost the design out and make sure it fits within the budget. He noted there may be some difficult decisions as to what is most important to the Board, but indicated their job was to show them a wide range of ideas to which they could react negatively or positively to it.

Board Member Cunningham indicated she agreed with the concern about the overlooks and what would be a negative impact on the adjacent residents in terms of privacy and resale.

Responding to a question about the next step, Paul Kangas stated that they would prefer to not come back with both concepts, but would rather know things the Board is not interested in including. Regarding the trail alignment, he noted they have a lot invested in it, but it will need to be rebuilt at some point. He indicated that perhaps they need to forgo the idea of making the trail more naturalized. He pointed out that the infrastructure is in place and they can enhance it through design. Paul Kangas noted that if they oppose the more formal shapes and want it to be more serpentine and natural they would like to hear that. He stated that if they like some of the more constructed ideas, they would like to hear that also. He noted that it is the Board's park and they just want to provide them with design ideas.

The Director noted he felt it was important to discuss the issue of moving the shelter. Board Member Sharp stated he was thinking of the cost, but indicated that if you did move the shelter there would be more privacy between the spaces. He noted that there can be a lot of people in the shelter and you

then lose the privacy/intimacy of the statue. He indicated that

maybe that was not an issue because of different times of use.

Discussion occurred if there could be additional screening between the shelter and the statue. Nate Ekhoﬀ noted that both concepts show some additional garden space and trees to buffer that edge a little. Paul Kangas stated that in reality they are quite close. He noted they need to address if it was worth the cost to move the structure or is that something they would look at long term.

Board Member Syhre noted that screening between the two would be difficult because during the event that space is where people stand and to try to provide more screening would limit the space available.

Chair Lewis noted that he also had thoughts about the overlooks similar to what had been mentioned. He stated that he did support the enhanced buffer to the neighborhood to the north, regardless of which concept they went with. He indicated that he questioned what the dock would be used for, noting he did not envision it being a launching spot as that would be better done in the kayak/canoe spot. Chair Lewis noted the desire to open up the Angel of Hope area and provide some privacy or seclusion while dealing with the shelter. He indicated they would look to Loucks for their creativity in dealing with that. Chair Lewis stated that in summary, the word simplistic comes back to him regarding this space. He indicated there are other places in the City that are more suited for more formal design. He stated that while they were showing examples of various monuments and spaces, perhaps they could soften those to show a more natural feel.

Board Member Sharp stated that he agreed that they should look for a more natural feel to the design. He indicated that the art work and more formal design is something that would be better suited for Central Park.

Board Member Syhre noted she agreed that the design needs to be more natural. She pointed out that they have the tree preservation area, which not a lot of people are aware of and that they have Elm Creek Park Reserve, which is very large. She noted that a lot of people like the natural setting and size of this park. She indicated that people limited in their mobility are able to come here and enjoy nature.

Patty Anderson addressed the issue of public art, noting that several cities have done some interesting things in similar natural settings. She noted that Hutchinson has a river walk that is very natural but they incorporated spaces where local artists can have sculptures. She provided a brochure of what that area looks like, noting they are small sculptures. Responding to a comment, Patty Anderson clarified that would be a sponsorship situation.

Patty Anderson indicated the intention would be for Loucks to bring back a preliminary plan for the Board to approve with some costing. She noted she would like the Board to give preliminary approval as there are other stake holders such as the Angel of Hope group and the residents that would be given the opportunity for input.

Discussion occurred that returning with a preliminary plan next month may be somewhat aggressive.

Board Member Ferm noted the proposed restroom in the concept plans and questioned if that would be one of the two they have budgeted for. The Director clarified that it could be. He noted they did budget for two additional restrooms, but did not identify any sites. Discussion occurred whether the restroom for the Arboretum would be charged against the funds for the redevelopment of the area.

Paul Kangas requested that as the Board filled out their comment sheet that they give firm direction on their preference for the Angel of Hope statue, whether they like the circular design or the rectangular, recognizing that they will forgo the connection to the creek. He indicated that is one area they intend to bring to a higher level in terms of design.

Adjournment

Motion made by Board Member Sharp, seconded by Board Member Syhre to adjourn.

Upon call for the question, on a voice vote, there were six ayes and no nays. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Foggia, Recording Secretary and
Terry J. Just, Director
Parks & Recreation Board
City of Maple Grove