



**City of Newport  
Park Board Meeting  
April 26, 2012**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. ROLL CALL**

Board Members present – Mary Ann Newman; Marge Meconis; Anita Perkins; Emily White; Laura Duffey

Board Members absent –Tom Aguilar-Downing

Also present – John Neska, Executive Director; Tim Geraghty, Mayor

**3. APPROVAL OF PARK BOARD MINUTES**

**A. Park Board Minutes of January 26, 2012**

**Motion by Meconis, seconded by Perkins, to approve the Park Board Minutes of October 27, 2011 as amended. With 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, the motion carried.**

**4. REVIEW 2012 GOALS**

The Park Board reviewed and discussed the 2012 goals. Updates are as follows:

- **Volunteer Program:** The Park Board will be hosting a picnic for the adopt-a-park volunteers on May 20, 2012.
- **Buckthorn Eradication:** A possible date for the event is October 27, 2012.
- **Pioneer Days:** The Park Board will be participating in Pioneer Days 2012.
- **History/Parks Fun Walk:** Emily White would like the Parks Board to host a fun walk in September and would like to coordinate it with the dedication of the Newport Bailey School Forest Learning Facility.
- **Park Place Overlook:** This action is no longer taking place and it will be removed from the list of goals.
- **Summer Camp-Out:** This will be Saturday, June 30 but has not been approved by the Boy Scouts as of April 26. The event will happen regardless.

**5. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

**Mary Ann Newman** – I provided each of you with a copy for the Adopt-A-Park program. As you can see, Loveland Park is not covered this year. We need to work to find someone for that. I noticed that the Newport Lions are done with Pioneer Park right before Pioneer Days so we should follow up on that. Do we have flowers in the ped bridges or is it just picking up liter?

**John Neska** – That's pretty much what it would be. I'm still taking care of the overlook at 12<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Mary Ann Newman** – Which one should we try to find someone for?

**John Neska** – The two ped bridges.

The Park Board discussed establishing a clean-up day throughout the City.

**6. BOARD REPORTS**

**Marge Meconis** – The Woodbury Senior High contacted me regarding their senior service day on June 7. I cannot supervise anybody that day due to previous conflicts. The last couple years, they've done buckthorn removal. Would you be interested in having them do some clean up around the City for it?

**John Neska** – I think so. One area they could work on is south of the old A & W.

**Marge Meconis** – I'll contact them then.

**Anita Perkins** – No report

**Emily White** – No report

**Laura Duffey** – No report

## **7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

### **A. Parks Capital Improvements Projects**

John Neska presented on this item as outlined in the April 26, 2012 Park Board Packet.

**Mary Ann Newman** – My recommendation is that the Park Board focus on Loveland Park this year as we've done a lot of work at Pioneer and Bailey School Forest Parks.

**Marge Meconis** – Are the batting cages still being used and maintained by NAA?

**John Neska** – We maintained them a couple weeks ago. I believe they're being used fairly often.

**Laura Duffey** – Just to clarify is the list prioritized in regards to which parks need to be addressed first?

**John Neska** – No.

**Laura Duffey** – Also for the Bailey School Forest, I know we had discussed signage from Military Road, I don't see that.

**John Neska** – Signage should be on there.

**Laura Duffey** – Can I make the assumption that when you say "upgrade lighting" you mean to make it more efficient?

**John Neska** – Yes

**Laura Duffey** – Also, in Pioneer Park it says "dress up warming house," what does that mean?

**John Neska** – It's the NAA equipment shed. We were thinking of fixing the facade and maybe paint a mural on it.

**Marge Meconis** – We had talked about creating a possible dog park area around the pond on 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

**Laura Duffey** – How deep is that pond?

**John Neska** – Maybe 18 inches.

**Marge Meconis** – The only other thing I had was the tennis courts in Loveland. We had talked about doing one tennis court, one basketball court, and something in between.

**John Neska** – I've been talking with companies regarding it. I think we can get a high school regulation basketball court in there.

**Motion by Meconis, seconded by White to accept the Park Capital Improvements List. With 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, the motion carried.**

**B. Bailey School Forest Learning Facility Update**

John Neska gave an update on this item. The City received quotes for the Learning Facility. The City Council has approved the purchase of the facility and it's anticipated that construction will begin in mid-summer, with a grand opening in September. Councilman Rahm requested that City staff research the possibility of placing solar panels on the facility to power it. A sign and several tables will be included with the facility.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by White, seconded by Perkins, to adjourn the Park Board Meeting at 7:46 P.M. With 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent the motion carried.**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mary Ann Newman, Chairperson

Respectfully submitted,

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Executive Analyst