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BIRCHWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Wednesday, November 13, 2002

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.. The minutes from the October meeting were read and approved.

Vince Mee and Scott Schnell with MOA Road Services Department gave the council a brief overview of the workings of the Road Board and it's budgeting process, citing an annual budget of approximately \$3.7 million , and the maintenance performed on many of our local roads. Questions about the Business Boulevard project funding were asked, some pertaining to the fact of money borrowed without authorization from our local Road Board budget. It was stated that the Engineering Dept. did borrow from our Road Boards capital to keep the Business Blvd. project on line and on schedule. At the time of this meeting all but \$24,000.00 had been returned to the Road Board account. Road Board Rep. Gail Dial wondered about a full accounting of these project transactions? Vince and Scott offered to attend our January meeting with answers to the borrowing process questions. Anna Fairclough said she would also be in attendance at the January meeting with information on the Municipal budget which is scheduled to be approved on December 11th.

Lexi with Parks & Rec - Senior swimming will not be initiated through Parks & Rec. Someone from the Senior Center needs to make a request to the board to get something started. Parks & Rec has determined that they cannot provide transportation for a swimming activity. In regard to a question of the fee amount paid by South Central Horsemen's Assoc., the answer is that no fee is paid to use the equestrian park. The Musers Chalet user's agreement is still tied up in legal so Parks & Rec won't know how much or if any amounts will be charged for its use by the dog trail users. All fees that are collected do go back to our Parks & Recs funds. On budget issues, Lexi indicates the board is looking at three cuts in their programs--the first is on our swimming pool--the second is in a reduction of nonprofit grant money--the third is a reduction of \$20,000.00 from the Day Camp program. This program received the highest rating of all the day camps and is filled to capacity each week during the summer. A grass landing area for large remote control planes is being looked at and details worked out. Beach Lake Chalet is still winding its way through the design process.

Anna has made an amendment to CIP bond proposal money to move \$350,000.00 up the project ladder for a skateboard park to be built for use in 2003 in Eagle River. Motion made and passed by Jim

Cantor/seconded by Rick Pannell to support the building of a skateboard park.

Council comments on P & Z case #2002-221--subordinate use of accessory buildings--zoning change would mean you can't build a subordinate structure larger than a dominate use structure i.e., your work shop, garage or barn can't be larger than your house. Motion made by Gail Dial/seconded by JoAnne King to state that we object to wording, as it would preclude our enjoyment of a rural lifestyle and our large lots.

Motion made by Eldon King/seconded by Rick Pannell to confirm the council has no comment either way on the P & Z Cemetery Ordinance amendment.

Residents in North Birchwood are noting ultralights flying low over the houses in their neighborhood. Below the 500 ft. limit and frequently at treetop level.

Motion made and passed by Gail Dial/seconded by Eldon King to not have a December meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m..