

ROCHESTER PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
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BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES FROM REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1991

The regular meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held on Tuesday, December 3, 1991 at 7:30 p.m. at the Plummer House.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: John Withers, Paul Olander, Dave Senjem, Bob Lyons, Susan Lemke and Charlie Quigg.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Roy Sutherland, Dave McDonald, Bumper Westrum, Fred Fibeger, Donna Drews, Denny Stotz and Jan Kowalczyk

✓ VISITORS & DELEGATIONS: Jo Fiebeger - Rochester Softball Assn., Ron Moffit - Mountain Bike Task Force, Ron Fiscus - Yaggy Colby Associates and Greg Munson, Quarry Hill Nature Center.

MINUTES

Minutes from the previous meeting were presented for approval. On a motion by Mrs. Lemke, seconded by Mr. Senjem, the minutes were approved.

BILLS

Bills for the previous month were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mrs. Lemke, seconded by Mr. Senjem. The motion was passed.

Mr. Sutherland recommended to the Board that they consider the Action Items before the Informational Items on the agenda. The Board agreed.

ACTION ITEMS

QUARRY HILL CAVES

Mr. Ron Fiscus of Yaggy Colby Associates was present to update the Board on the study that was done by his firm, the Park Department and Greg Munson of Quarry Hill Nature Center. The recommendation from these people to the Board is to close two of the cave entrances and control the access to the third by installing a metal gate. With Board approval, the work could begin this winter with completion in spring in time for Nature Center interpretive classes to begin.

Mr. Greg Munson, the Nature Center naturalist, indicated that their Board has had this cave project on the top of their list for some time. He indicated that from a program standpoint, regulating access to the caves would work out well.

Roy wanted to know if there will be any negative aspects involved in closing of the caves. Mr. Munson indicated that there initially might be problems but with sufficient signage, people could become accustomed to new hours of public access to the caves.

