



Lions Park Tower

The Heritage Preservation Commission reviewed photo simulations of T-Mobile Tower in the Lion's Park. It was explained that the present emergency siren tower would be removed and replaced with a 100' tower in the park. Improved cell phone reception in the downtown area is the goal. The Lions Park was the most feasible location to gain the best reception. This tower was attempting a low profile appearance, yet can allow three additional carriers to connect without adding any more towers.

Rehabilitation Loan Program

The Heritage Preservation Commission discussed the Rehabilitation Loan Program. The city planner stated that the city attorney has drafted a new ordinance for loan fund requirements. She further informed the commission members that loans would only be for businesses in the downtown area.

The council discussed amending and restating the city code relating to the Commercial Rehabilitation Loan Program. Proposed changes updating the loan program had been drafted by the city attorney. Proposed revisions limit the use of the program to properties in the downtown commercial area. The Heritage Preservation Commission recommended that the funds be utilized for the exteriors of Central Business District buildings only. Notation was made that additional requirements have made it more difficult for applicants to access these funds. The administrator suggested that the funds be available for two years and if they are not utilized in that time frame then designate the funds for another use. It was one council member's opinion that the funds be also made available to residential properties. No decisions were made at this time.

MVEC Appreciation Day

The year 2007 marks the 70th year of serving the area for MN Valley Electric Cooperative. The cooperative was incorporated in 1937, showing clear evidence that the cooperative spirit and business model is still alive. The MVEC would like to thank their members by extending an invitation to attend their Appreciation Day and Annual Meeting on June 20th with festivities starting at 5 PM. Fun has been created for the entire family. Dinner consists of chicken, cole slaw dessert and beverages. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 7PM.

We are each of us angels with only one wing. And we can only fly embracing each other" - Luciano DeCrescenzo

Miscellaneous

The Heritage Preservation Commission discussed the wrought iron fence from Mt Hope Cemetery. The commissioners would like to keep the fence for uses in the Carver Historical District. Recommended sites for use of the fence was the Church-By-The-River, the city-owned lot at Third and Oak, and Depot Park.

The council reviewed the topic of the new Highway #41 and the council's input on the issue of the crossing possibility near Carver.

The city attorney reminded the council that the city faces a major project with the proposed updating of ordinances in order to conform to the updated Comprehensive Plan. The city planner and himself will begin work on this project in the fall of this year. Authorization will be requested from the council.

The city planner had met with the school district discussing potential of an elementary school at the request of the Tolleffson Development firm.

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Downtown Task Force

The council reviewed the results of the two committees for the city hall and downtown task force. It was stated that some good recommendations had resulted from the downtown task force. The city attorney pointed out that the city does not have the money to certify the levee and the Task Force needs to get over that roadblock. The Carver County HRA/CDA will be attending their next meeting.

"I could not, at any age, be content to take my place by the fireside and simply look on. Life was meant to be lived. Curiosity must be kept alive. One must never, for whatever reason, turn his back on life." - Eleanor Roosevelt

Disclaimer

The 'unapproved' minutes of the council and the township have been referenced for the purposes of reporting news in the "Villager Tower" and creating the contents of this newsletter for the purpose of informing residents in the City of Carver and the townships surrounding the city.

Metropolitan Council Environmental Services

The city attorney told the council that they were close to an agreement with the Metropolitan Council. There had been a discussion on timelines, costs and method of construction. The city engineer gave a brief overview on proposed streets and sidewalk changes and improvements in the area of the construction of the interceptor. Problems on County Road #40 were discussed also coming into town by Lime Street. The county is also aware of the problems at this location. The council informed the commissioner of the necessity for maintenance on the County Road 40 east and the bridge on County Road 40 West.

Extension of a path to Depot Park was talked about. Improvements on the corner have to be a county/city project. The engineer also pointed out that with all the work scheduled in 2008 and 2009, that this will be a bad time to be driving through Carver.

The Metropolitan Council Environmental Services personnel have related to the staff that they would like to schedule an informational meeting on the interceptor prior to MN Pollution Control Agency's review of the Environmental Assessment Work Sheet and the subsequent distribution. The meeting would be an Open House format it was thought. The meeting was scheduled for June 12th.

The council reviewed city project along the Metropolitan Council Environmental Services Interceptor route and discussed authorization of the Feasibility Study. A walking tour had been conducted of the area, aerials reviewed and discussions on certain streetscape and sidewalk work to be studied in the feasibility report. The council was asked which of these projects they wanted included. Question was asked about payment for this study. Motion was made and carried with all ayes adopting the resolution ordering preparation of the feasibility report on improvement.

National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System

The council was told that the city is required to hold an annual Public Meeting on the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Phase II Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) General Permit. The engineer recommended that the meeting be scheduled for June 18th. Motion was made and carried with all ayes scheduling the said Public Meeting.

Municipal Utilities Rates

The council was reminded of their decision adopting new water rates in February of 2007. There was discussion reviewing the water rate structure to ensure meeting the goals of the city. The tiered rate structure was reviewed and compared to two of the more common structures seen in suburban communities. It was the council's opinion that this issue required further research and discussion. The mayor asked for a notice revealing more reasonable cost amounts of water usage for new sod when watering permits are requested.

The Funk House

The Planning Commission recommended denial of the variance request submitted and approval of the rezoning request for the Funk House Property. The history of the rezoning to Central Business District was explained to the council and the planned use that had not worked out as scheduled. It was the owner's contention that the value of the house was considered a hardship without a garage on the site. The same owners also own the property next door. These owners proposed to dispose of the present garage and construct a larger structure to accommodate both properties. Request was also made asking for a variance to exceed the square footage allowed by the ordinance. Motion was made and carried with four ayes and one nay approving the resolution denying the variance request allowing construction of an accessory structure. The mayor stated that the property is a historical piece of property and the terrain is a hard ship. The property owners will research other venues of action at this time. Motion was made and carried adopting the resolution rezoning the Central Business District property to residential.

Skate Board Park Equipment

The council was told that the Park and Recreation Board have investigated the placement of a skateboard park in the Community Park for more than two years. The board had made the decision to develop the skateboard park. Request had only been for the equipment. It was stated that the neighbors should be notified due to noise issues. Motion was made and carried approving the quote from Dura Fun for the skateboard equipment.

Card Reader System

Report was given to the council that there are increasing security problems in the Public Works/Fire Station building and the card reading system has been checked into. It was the opinion of the Park and Recreation Board that a card reading system would solve many problems that the parks are also experiencing. The council reviewed two of the four proposals submitted. Question was asked what if the network went down. The response given was that there is a twenty four hour battery backup for the system. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving the proposal from the UHL Security. The system should be installed in a couple of weeks.

River Bluff Estates

A council member inquired about the progress at River Bluff Estates development. The engineer informed the council that the rip-rap has been delivered to the pond site and other work was being done. The mayor stated that this location is one of the potential sites for the proposed new river crossings. Inquiry was also made questioning whether or not the city could have this project put on held. An answer was not given at this time. One council member expressed their dissatisfaction with the incompleteness of this project, which should have been done three years ago.

Forner Lane

The council discussed the bids received for the Forner Lane project. Bids were favorable compared to the estimates of the engineers. There were nine bidders. The engineer explained the alternate bid for traffic control. The base bid would keep one lane on Mt Hope Road open for traffic during the connection of the municipal sewer. The alternate bid would close the road while connection was in progress. It was estimated that connection would take approximately one to two days.

The council reviewed and awarded the project for work on Forner Lane. The city engineer recommended acceptance and authorized award of the project to SM Hentges & Sons. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving the resolution accepting the bid.

Levee Feasibility Study

The council discussed the probability of the mayor drafting a letter to the Corps of Engineers requesting funding for a Levee Feasibility Study. The engineer reported on the receipt of the correspondence from FEMA relating to the certification of the levee. This issue has been discussed repeatedly at council meetings, work sessions and task force meetings. In attendance at the council meeting were representatives from the Army Corps of Engineers. Other representatives of the Corps had also been contacted relating to possible CORPS programs. Recommendation had been made that the city contact their federal representatives in Congress and request funding for the Corps to conduct a study on the levee relating to certification. This would provide a more detailed analysis relating to the levee to give both the city and the Corps necessary information allowing a determination whether or not the project would be eligible for future Corps funding for levee certification. Motion was made and carried requesting funding for a Corps Study from federal legislators and follow up with correspondence relating to said issue.

"Time is Too slow for those who Wait, Too swift for those who Fear, Too long for those who Grieve, Too short for those who Rejoice, But for those who Love Time is Not"
- Henry Vandyke

"Carver County Day"

Attention Carver County residents!!!! You have all been invited to the MN Landscape Arboretum free of charge for their "Carver County Day" on June 7th. Seniors are also offered free CART ride buses to attend the arboretum in the afternoon.

Press Release:

Do you have a question about your garden.....want to see the inside of a Sheriff's car without being in trouble....want information on what to do in case of an emergency... or want to finally visit the Arboretum? Well on Thursday June 7th, you will have the opportunity to do all of this and more! Plus, admission for all County residents will be free.

The Arboretum has invited Carver County to hold a "Carver County Day" to not only allow residents to tour the Arboretum but to learn more about the services and programs being provided by Carver County Departments. The County Departments will be on hand from 1-8 p.m.

Departments that will be participating include Land and Water Services, Public Health, Sheriff, County Attorney, Minnesota Extension, Veterans Service, Carver County Library, Environmental Services, GIS, and Historical Society. Displays will feature the Carver County Comprehensive Plan, emergency preparedness, composting, Minnesota Extension and a Sheriff's patrol vehicle.

Guided walking tours will be offered at 1:30 and 5:30. Master Gardeners will be on hand throughout the day to answer your questions and will be presenting at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Also, beginning at 6:00, the Arboretum will be presenting "Too Many Apples" with the Shoestring Puppet Theater at the Trex deck/Ordway Shelter.

Cookies and lemonade will be served at 2 PM and the Carver County Dairy Princesses will be on hand to serve ice cream from 6 to 7 p.m.

CART ride buses will be offered to Carver County seniors free of charge to the Arboretum in the afternoon. Seniors should call the CART office, 952-466-5260, to find out times and pick up locations.

Whether you are interested in a relaxing stroll through the Arboretum on a warm summer evening or finding out more about the services provided by your County, residents are encouraged to attend this event.

For further information, please call (952) 361-1503.

Special Meeting

The Dahlgren Township Board scheduled a special meeting for the 13th of June at 7 PM at the Town Shed Property. The purpose of the special meeting will be to discuss a new town hall and rebuilding.

"We all live with the objective of being happy; our lives are all different and yet the same."

Carver Fun Run Update

The "Carver Fun Run" committee would like to thank all of you who participated and helped to make our 10th Annual Bike Run another success.

In just ten years we have been able to send the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation Send-A-Kid-To-Camp (Needle Point/Day Point) over \$100,000.00. This money is used for "campership" scholarships and new additions to the camp, such as shower rooms, climbing walls and every day maintenance.

This fundraising event started with a local child and now we are able to send several more children each year. Some local, some not. Over the past nine years we have sent thirty kids - fully sponsored by Harvey's Bar and Grill, Lisa's Place and the Silver Bullet (calculations for our 10th year are in progress). Several kids have also received partial scholarships to these camps.

We had a lot of new faces in our volunteers this year and our future goal is to keep going and keep growing. We couldn't do it without the help of our supporters.

Thanks again to all!

Sincerely, Carver Fun Run Committee, "A Small Town with Big Hearts".

Depot Park

The Park and Recreation Board discussed design layout of Depot Park, which included trees, mulch, rock and grass. Recommendation was submitted to install old fashioned design style playground equipment for children of the age of toddler to five years old.

Water Tower

The City of Carver Mayor and the City Planner attended the Dahlgren Township Board Meeting regarding the issue of construction of a water tower for the city in the township. An agreement was reached with the proposed owners of Mills Fleet Farm who have purchased property in the township. The store owners have generously stated that they would donate land to the City of Carver to build a water tower on the property. The city would be responsible for construction of water pipes to the tower. Normally developers would be responsible for this construction. Soil boring has already been done. A temporary road would be constructed presently. The proposed water tower would have the capacity of three quarters of a million gallons of water. The well size was not known. The township tabled the matter pending allowances by the county ordinances.

The city planner told the council that the water tower proposed in the township requires a Conditional Use Permit from the county. Authorization to apply for necessary applications was requested. A Public Hearing is scheduled for the county Planning Commission on the 19th of June. An informational meeting is being planned for June 4th at the Church-By-The-River. Motion was made and carried with ayes authorizing the staff to prepare the necessary applications to seek approvals for the water tower and related items.

Township Treasurer

The township will present the former treasurer with a plaque for his services to the township. John Stelton had served the township as treasurer for twenty six years. Thanks John. The township's new treasurer is Doran Brahee. Congratulations Doran.

"Golden Ticket"

The athletic director informed the council that the policy has not been physically visual yet, but the Park and Recreation Board is researching the Scholarship Program titled "Golden Ticket" for the City of Carver Park and Recreation. A request has been submitted from a Chaska family to scholarship a recreation program due to financial constraints. The director drafted a policy for the council's consideration. The administrator pointed out that the policy is an un-budgeted item and the proposal is for \$100 per family but does not cap the overall amount to be allocated for this activity. Two limits were suggested, one was for \$1,000 and another for \$5,000. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving the scholarship program titled by the Park and Recreation Board with a cap of five thousand dollars in scholarships.

Fire Department

The fire chief updated the council on the process that the Chaska Fire Department followed selecting Ridgeview as their Ambulance Service provider. The City of Carver is also under this agreement. It is a twenty year contract to be reviewed annually.

The fire department is also in the process of switching from operating under by-laws, changing to Standard Operating Procedures. A committee is working on the procedures with a target completion date of November 2007.

Physicals and testing for firefighters is scheduled for June. Currently there are three open positions on the department. Candidates are being screened for daytime availability.

City Property

Council member stated that since the lot on Third and Oak Streets will not be used for the lift station, it was their opinion to discuss other uses for the lot, such as a Tot Lot. The issue should be discussed at a future meeting. The council was told that the Park and Recreation Board agreed that the lot could be used as a Tot Lot.

Villager Tower

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Carver Lions

The Carver Lions will be installing their new officers at their June Meeting. Also they will be inducting newest member, Chris Jerome who will become the forty seventh member of the group.

The Lions are going into the summer months, whereupon they will only be meeting once a month instead of twice. Two monthly meetings will resume in September. Special thanks are also extended for the super turn out for the Pork Chop Dinner.

Cheryl would also like to take this time to say thanks. "The Carver Lions would like to thank everyone who has helped make it possible for us (to serve) our community another year."

"Your support for all our fund raisers and pull-tab sales has enabled us to purchase a new stove for the city hall, install an irrigation system at the Lions Park, provide some financial support, Easter Egg Hunts, Halloween parties and Bloodmobile."

"On the state and global level, we continue to help fund research in the areas of sight, hearing and diabetes."

"We welcome new members. Come join the fun. It's Great to be a Lion. Our next meetings are June 6th, July 18th and August 31st."

The Lions will be found in the Village Hall at 6:30 PM.

Carver Car Cruise-In

Carver will be included in the Car Cruise-in tour. The second Wednesday of June is the 13th. So be sure to come into town and look at all the old classics! From 3 PM to 6 PM these fancy old classics will be parked on Broadway for you to see up close and personal. Got questions, ask the owners. Interested in the oldies? Come to town. Don't miss them. Park on the side streets and come look! Can't come one night, then plan on the next trip. They will be cruising back through town in July on the 11th and then the last time to check them out will be in August on the 8th.

Carver Village Open Air

Market

The Carver's Women's Business Group again proudly presents the Carver Village Open Air Market event of the 2007 year. At the Gazebo Park in downtown Carver on Saturdays, June 23rd, July 21st, August 25th and September 22nd from 10 AM to 3 PM in the park you will find an Open Air Market. You will be able to see antiques, vintage goods, artists, farmer's produce, homemade foods and lots of other good things. Come on down, check it out, at least. If you would like more information, call 952) 292-8479.



Happy Father's Day

Carver Quilt and Craft Club

The next meeting for the Carver Quilt Club will be Saturday, July 14th. Crafters meet in the lower level of the Village Hall and that is where you will find the party going on. Come and check it out. What's the party about you ask? Bring your project and oh yea, don't forget, bring your lunch too. We are doing scrap-booking, beading, quilting, needlework, whatever your project is, that's what we are doing. Join in with the group and have lots and lots of fun with the others while we all work on our projects. Sound fun? Then come on, load it up and get it down to the hall. Call Linda Schutz at 612) 987-5454 for more details.

Carver Fire Department Highlights and Community Calendar

June 2007

- June 2nd - Happy Anniversary Kerry and Kathy!
- June 4th - Council Meeting
- June 5th - Carver's Women's Business Group Meeting
Happy Birthday Kim!
- June 6th - Last Day of School
Lions Meeting
- June 7th - "Carver County Day"
Drill Night
- June 8th - Chaska High School Graduation Night
- June 11th - Park and Recreation Board Meeting
Dahlgren Township Board Meeting
- June 12th - Metropolitan Council Environmental Services
Open House Meeting
SteamBoat Days Committee Meeting
- June 13th - Special Meeting - Dahlgren Township Board
Classic Car Cruise - DownTown Carver
- June 14th - Flag Day

- June 15th - Happy Birthday Jim!
Happy Anniversary Dennis & Sharon!
- June 17th - Father's Day
- June 18th - Council Meeting
Public Meeting
Drill Night
Happy Birthday Gwen!
- June 19th - Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting
- June 20th - MVEC Appreciation Day
- June 21st - First Day of Summer
- June 22nd - Happy Anniversary Kim and Paul!
- June 23rd - Open Air Market
- June 25th - Comprehensive Plan Work Group Meeting
- June 26th - Planning Commission Meeting
- June 28th - Fire Department Meeting Night
- June 30th - Happy Anniversary Terry & Shirley!
Happy Birthday Yvonna!

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