

Park Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes

JUNE 15, 2017

6:30 P.M.

CITY HALL

MEMBERS PRESENT	Bill Ganzlin, Bryan Belisle, Anastacia Davis, Dan Louismet, Mike Shepard, Don Torgerson, Joann Toth,
MEMBERS ABSENT	
STAFF PRESENT	Mark Burch, Mike Natterstad
VISITORS	Ryan Schutte, Mark Woodcock
NOTE TAKER	Mark Burch

AGENDA TOPICS

1. CALL TO ORDER

Bill Ganzlin called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from May 18, 2017 was moved by Dan Louismet and seconded by Mike Shepard. Motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Joann Toth moved to approve the June 15, 2017 agenda, seconded by Bryan Belisle. Motion carried.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) Podvin Park Lacrosse Discussion

Lacrosse representatives Mark Woodcock and Ryan Schutte discussed the Lacrosse Association proposal for development of lacrosse fields at Podvin Park. The Park Commission discussed the various options for field realignment, fence requirements and future restroom/concession/storage building. The Commission and Lacrosse Representatives agreed that the North-South alignment of 3 fields (as show on attached aerial photo) is the preferred alternative with field #3 shifted north, to center it in the park space. This will provide additional setback from this field to the residential property on 7th Street. The Lacrosse Association understands that the fields will be shared with other park users and that any future building would be multi-use also. The Park Commission adopted a motion by Dan Louismet and seconded by Mike Shepard to recommend this layout to the City

Council. The Lacrosse Association will investigate the cost of installing fencing and a concrete maintenance strip for possible installation in the fall of 2017. The Engineering Department will determine availability of sanitary sewer service for a potential future utility/restroom building.

The Park Commission discussed the vandalism problems that have been experienced this year. A solution was proposed to install signs offering a reward for information regarding vandals. The staff will investigate how these signs could be placed and what level of reward would be offered.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a) 2017 Summer Park Tour

June	McCarty Park – Basketball Court possibilities
July	Matoska Park
August	White Bear Lake Municipal Marina (Dan’s boat)
September	To Be Determined

The Park Commission reviewed the history and use of McCarty Park. The park is in good condition with play equipment, picnic tables and an open play field. Neighborhood residents have requested the installation of a basketball court. The Park Commission reviewed the site and thought a court could be installed on the west side of the park.

7. OTHER STAFF REPORTS

a) Potential Clark Avenue Flagpole Memorial Restoration Project

Mike Shepard and Mark Burch updated the Park Commission on fundraising efforts for the Clark Avenue Flagpole Project. The goal is to raise funds and have work completed by Veterans Day 2017.

b) Sports Center Update

Mark Burch updated the Park Commission on progress of the Sports Center Renovation Project. The project is moving forward rapidly with support from the City Council and skating community. The project is proposed to start construction in April 2018.

8. COMMISSION REPORTS

None.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be held on July 20, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at Matoska Park.

There being no further business to come before the Park Commission, the meeting was adjourned. Moved by Mike Shepard and seconded by Joann Toth. Motion carried.