

Park Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes

JULY 20, 2017

6:30 P.M.

CITY HALL

MEMBERS PRESENT	Bill Ganzlin, Bryan Belisle, Dan Louismet, Mike Shepard, Don Torgerson
MEMBERS ABSENT	Anastacia Davis, Joann Toth
STAFF PRESENT	Mark Burch, Mike Natterstad
VISITORS	
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 June 15, 2017 was moved by Dan Louismet and seconded by Bryan Belisle. Motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mike Shepard moved to approve the July 20, 2017 agenda, seconded by Don Torgerson. Motion carried.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mike Natterstad reported that the Lacrosse Association is proceeding with field improvements at Podvin Park to transition from softball to lacrosse. The "master plan" is still being developed for possible future amenities which could include a restroom/storage/concession building.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a) 2017 Summer Park Tour

July	Matoska Park
August	White Bear Lake Municipal Marina (Dan's boat at slip E147)
September	To Be Determined

The Park Commission toured Matoska Park including:

- 7th Street swim dock has been installed this year and appeared to be used.
- The dog beach area is designated with buoys and signs.
- All of the canoe racks are in use.
- All of the boat skids are in use.
- There are 26 sailboat moorings currently rented for the season.
- Both launch docks have been installed this year at the launch.
- Public Works has worked with a contractor and the DNR to remove vegetation near the boat launch and sailing y-dock. This will be an ongoing effort for the next couple of years as the lake level recovers.
- Restroom is in excellent condition.
- Gazebo needs major rehabilitation. Park Advisory Commission agreed to make the gazebo a priority project for 2018.

Overall, the entire Matoska Park was in excellent condition with many people enjoying the facilities (especially the benches overlooking the boat ramp).

7. OTHER STAFF REPORTS

a) Clark Avenue Flagpole Memorial Restoration Project update

Mark Burch reported that the fundraising effort by the Lions Club is going slowly and the restoration of the flagpole at Clark and TH61 may be delayed until 2018. The Lions Club has donated \$15,000 toward the estimated \$65,000 project.

b) Sports Center Update

Mark Burch updated the Park Commission on the status of the Sports Center Renovation Project. If the project proceeds on schedule, construction will begin in April 2018 and be completed by September 2018. The City is partnering with the Hockey Association on funding the project.

c) Mike Natterstad reported that park vandalism is a big problem this year. The Parks Division is going to set up surveillance cameras in the parks to attempt to identify the vandals.

8. COMMISSION REPORTS

None.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be held on August 17, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at White Bear Lake Municipal Marina.

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