

Park Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes

OCTOBER 19, 2017

6:30 P.M.

CITY HALL

MEMBERS PRESENT	Bryan Belisle, Bill Ganzlin, Dan Louismet, Mike Shepard, Joann Toth
MEMBERS ABSENT	Anastacia Davis, Don Torgerson,
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 September 21, 2017 was moved by Mike Shepard and seconded by Bryan Belisle. Motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Bryan Belisle moved to approve the October 19, 2017 agenda, seconded by Dan Louismet. Motion carried.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a) 2018 Arbor Day

The Park Advisory discussed possible Arbor Day projects for 2018 which will be held on Saturday, May 5th.

- 4th and Johnson raingarden

- **Ebba Park** – Remove Ash trees on south side of the Park and replant with new trees to promote awareness of oncoming Emerald Ash Borer situation.
- **Podvin Park** – Plant trees on south side to screen lacrosse fence.
- **Rotary Park** – Replace oaks on the west side of the park that were removed due to oak wilt.
- **Spruce Park** – Plant trees to provide shade for play equipment area.
- **Matoska Park** – For replacement trees use B&B instead of spaded trees.

b) 2018 Parks Capital Improvement Fund

Park Commission reviewed final revisions adopted at the September meeting.

7. OTHER STAFF REPORTS

a) Clark Avenue Flagpole Memorial Restoration Project update

Project has been delayed until 2018 while fund raising continues.

b) Sports Center Update

Sports Center plans are completed. Mark Burch reviewed the project components. City Council will be considering moving forward with the project at its October 24th meeting.

c) Matoska Park Gazebo

The Commission discussed the evolving Gazebo restoration/replacement project. Joann and Mike have been working with members of Joann's company to explore ways to replicate the ornate panels on the gazebo. Several options are under consideration. Mike and Joann are going to arrange a site meeting with Joann's Superintendent and include Sarah Markoe (Historical Society) and Brian Hansen (Architect).

d) Mike Natterstad reported that the Lacrosse Association and their contractors are doing an excellent job with revisions to Podvin Park softball fields to convert them to Lacrosse use.

e) Mike Natterstad reported that the overhead trolley play equipment the commission has been considering for Lakewood Hills Park has not been installed at a location he has been able to inspect. We would like to inspect another installation before committing to installing it in Lakewood Hills Park. The Park Advisory Commission decided to delay the project to 2018 so there is time to confirm the value of the new play equipment.

f) Mike Natterstad presented some potential shelter models that could be used to replace the picnic shelters at Lions Park. Replacement of the picnic shelters is anticipated in the next few years.

8. COMMISSION REPORTS

None.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

The Park Advisory Commission will attend the South Shore Street and Trail Project Public Informational Meeting on November 16th instead of its regular meeting.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be held on November 16, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the South Shore Street and Trail Public Meeting at South Shore Trinity Church.

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