

Park Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes

MARCH 15, 2018

6:30 P.M.

CITY HALL

MEMBERS PRESENT	Bill Ganzlin, Bryan Belisle, Dan Louismet, Don Torgerson
MEMBERS ABSENT	Anastacia Davis, Mike Shepard, Joann Toth
STAFF PRESENT	Mark Burch, Jesse Farrell, Anne Kane and Samantha Crosby
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 February 15, 2018 was moved by Brian Belisle and seconded by Dan Louismet. Motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approval of the March 15, 2018 agenda was moved by Bryan Belisle and seconded by Mike Shepard with the addition of 6.d Dog Beach. Motion carried.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a) Arbor Day Activities – May 5, 2018

Park Advisory Commission discussed activities for the 2018 Arbor Day event on May 5th. After discussion of multiple projects, the Commission decided to promote projects at Rotary Park, Podvin Park, Matoska Park and possibly Lakewood Hills.

b) Comprehensive Plan – Parks & Recreation

Samantha Crosby and Anne Kane reviewed the Parks Section of the Comprehensive plan. The Park Advisory Commission members discussed aspects of the plan and offered some

additions to the maps. The Planning Department will continue with the Comprehensive Plan process and will include any further comments from the Commission for the near future.

c) Gazebo Renovation

Mark Burch noted that the structural analysis report for the Matoska Park Gazebo was included in the Park Advisory Commission packet for informational purposes. This item will need significant discussion and public input as the City decides what to do with the gazebo.

d) Dog Beach

Mark Burch informed the Park Commission that the City Council will be discussing the dog beach at Matoska Park at its April 10th meeting. The Commission reviewed its past recommendations. Most Park Advisory Commission members present reaffirmed their recommendation for closing the dog beach but there was some support for keeping it open.

7. OTHER STAFF REPORTS

a) Ash Tree Inventory

Mark Burch updated the City Council on the City's progress in dealing with the Emerald Ash Borer issue. The City has engaged Rainbow Tree Service to perform an ash tree inventory and has an expert from the University of Minnesota scheduled to provide an informational presentation on the topic at the March 27th City Council meeting.

8. COMMISSION REPORTS

None.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be held on April 19, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.

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