

# Park Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes

MARCH 21, 2019

6:30 P.M.

CITY HALL

MEMBERS PRESENT	Bryan Belisle, Victoria Biehn, Mark Cermak, Anastacia Davis, Ginny Mae Davis, Bill Ganzlin, Mike Shepard
MEMBERS ABSENT	
STAFF PRESENT	Mark Meyer, Paul Kauppi and Andy Wietecki
VISITORS	
NOTE TAKER	Mark Meyer

## AGENDA TOPICS

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm at City Hall.

### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from February 21, 2019 was moved by Mike Shepard and seconded by Mark Cermak. Motion carried.

### 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approval of the March 21, 2019 agenda was moved by Bryan Belisle and seconded by Ginny Mae Davis. Motion carried.

### 4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### a) Tree Ordinance

The City's tree ordinance was reviewed and discussed by the Park Advisory Commission. Bill Ganzlin suggested that native trees should be identified in the ordinance as the preference.

Andy Wietecki provided an update to the Parks Advisory Commission about EAB. At this time, the City is putting together a formal plan for boulevard trees and the City's tree infrastructure.

### 5. NEW BUSINESS

#### a) Arbor Day – May 4, 2019

Bryan Belisle suggested incorporating pollinator plants into Arbor Day plans this year. There is additional prep work that needs to be done prior to planting pollinator plants so they will incorporate that idea into the 2020 Arbor Day celebration.

Bill Ganzlin provided the relatively new commission with the history of how the City started celebrating Arbor Day.

Andy Wietcki reported to the Commission that there are some ash trees in Yost and Podvin Park that need to be removed for future Arbor Day project sites. The Parks Department is considering switching to bare root trees as a more affordable and less maintenance option.

This year the parks identified for Arbor Day activities will be Rotary Nature Preserve and Lakewood Hills Park.

**b) Adopt A Park Program**

Mark Meyer provided an overview of the City's updated Adopt A Park Program. The Park Advisory Commission brainstormed ideas on how to promote the program to the public. They also discussed which parks were in greater need of adoption.

**c) Park Memorials**

The Park Advisory Commission reviewed the Memorial Application. The Parks Department staff will come up with a master list of possible bench sites that would be available. The Commission brainstormed additional types of memorials that would be appropriate for City parks – including picnic tables, drinking fountains, bike repair stations or brick pathways.

**6. OTHER STAFF REPORTS**

Andy Wietcki reported the Boardwalk tables were lowered by cutting about one inch off the legs for a better height for the chairs.

In response to Bill Ganzlin's question regarding launch tag enforcement at Matoska Park boat launch, the Police Department CSO's will patrol depending on resources.

**7. COMMISSION REPORTS**

None.

**8. OTHER BUSINESS**

Mike Shepard advised the Commission that the White Bear Lake Lions Club is looking to help fund and volunteer for another project. Some preliminary ideas include Lions Park which is in need of updating or Lakewood Hills Park.

Bill Ganzlin suggested that the Commission come up with a list of parks for their monthly summer meetings. The Park Advisory Commission historically walks through parks during their summer meetings to ensure each selected park is meeting resident's needs.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting will be held on April 18, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

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