Park Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes

AUGUST 15, 2019	6:30 P.M. STELLMACHER PARK
MEMBERS PRESENT	Bill Ganzlin, Bryan Belisle, Victoria Biehn, Mark Cermak, Ginny Mae Davis, Mike Shepard
MEMBERS ABSENT	Anastacia Davis
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 Stellmacher Park.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from July 18, 2019 was moved by Mark Cermak and seconded by Mike Shepard with the correction of changing the word Frisbee to Disc Golf Course in section b. Motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approval of the August 15, 2019 agenda was moved by Mike Shepard and seconded by Bryan Belisle. Motion carried.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ginny Mae Davis mentioned again the issues with the vegetation around the fishing piers. At this time, the City will monitor the vegetation growth and make adjustments next year as needed. The vegetation grown that is at the fishing piers helps keep the water clean as well as cover for small fish and is native to the lake. The vegetation does not seem to affect most people when they are fishing.

Mike Shepard mentioned that the White Bear Lake Lions Club may be interested in donating material and labor to install a new split rail fence at Lions Park. He will bring the fence pricing estimate to the Lions for a final vote.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a) Summer Park Tours – Stellmacher Park

The Park Advisory Commission walked through Stellmacher Park for their August park tour. Andy Wietecki, Parks Department Lead, talked about some of the updates the park has received. The pavilion received a new coat of stain to help preserve the wood ceiling. The small playground close to Linden Avenue was clean and inviting. The bathrooms have had upgrades to all the fixtures but the building is older and could use a remodel. The ball field was reconstructed around 10 years ago and is being utilized by a baseball team. A volleyball net was installed last year. The Park Department had a company out to do electrostatic painting on the large playground. The cost saving was considerable compared to replacing it. The playground looks amazing and the Commission could not be happier on the outcome. On the south side of the park a row a pine trees is dying. The plan is to remove them and replace with an Arbor Day project next spring. Overall, the Park Board Commission was very impressed by Stellmacher Park.

6. OTHER STAFF REPORTS

None.

7. COMMISSION REPORTS

None.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be held on September 19, 2019 at 6:30 p.m at Bossard Park.

There being no further business to come before the Park Commission, the meeting was adjourned. Moved by Ginny Mae Davis and seconded by Victoria Biehn.