

Park Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes

NOVEMBER 21, 2019

6:30 P.M.

CITY HALL

MEMBERS PRESENT	Bryan Belisle, Victoria Biehn, Mark Cermak, Anastacia Davis, Ginny Davis, Mike Shepard
MEMBERS ABSENT	Bill Ganzlin
STAFF PRESENT	Mark Meyer
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 October 17, 2019 was moved by Mark Cermak and seconded by Ginny Davis.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approval of the November 21, 2019 agenda was moved by Mike Shepard and seconded by Victoria Biehn. Motion carried.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Sizing for Park Advisory Shirts

The Park Commission was fitted for shirts for the park tours in the summer months.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a) Joint Meeting with the Environmental Advisory Commission

The Park Advisory Commission had a great joint meeting with the Environmental Advisory Commission. The first item for discussion was to bring in pollinator friendly plantings to the parks. Pollinator friendly plantings help reduce the amount of mowing in our larger parks and help bring pollinator wildlife into the parks system. Adding pollinator plantings and an asphalt trail system in one of the City's parks could change the way the park is used by people. Connie Taillon will check to see what grants are out there to help install and maintain the pollinator friendly plantings.

The Park and Environmental Commissions also discussed buckthorn control. Lakewood Hills Park's wooded areas need to be thinned out and the ground cover

needs to be reestablished. Connie Taillon will check if there are grant dollars to help manage our forest area from buckthorn.

Connie updated the Parks Advisory Commission that Ramsey County reached out to the City of White Bear Lake about putting in a food waste collection site. The spot that was chosen is at the Public Works site on the north entrance. Residents can bring food scraps in bio degradable bags and put it in the dumpster. The food waste collection site should be completed in the next few weeks.

The Environmental Commission supported the new Adopt-A-Drain program for the storm sewers around the City. Residents can sign-up to take care of the storm drains on their block and remove the debris from the drains. There will be more discussion on all of these topics in the future.

6. OTHER STAFF REPORTS

None.

7. COMMISSION REPORTS

None.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be held on January 16, 2019 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 Bryan Belisle and seconded by Anastacia Davis.