

City of Excelsior
Hennepin County, Minnesota

Minutes
Park and Recreation Commission

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair Wolfe called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Mullenbach, Punch, Wahlstedt, and Chair Wolfe

Commissioners Absent: Honzl, Norman, Craig

Also present: Public Works Superintendent Wisdorf, City Manager
Kristi Luger

2. AGENDA APPROVAL

Commissioner Wahlstedt moved, Commissioner Punch seconded, to add Item 6(b), Recycle Grant, to move Item 6(a), End of Season Meeting with Garden Renters, to follow Item 4, in order to accommodate the gardeners present, and to approve the agenda, as amended. Motion carried 4/0.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Wahlstedt moved, Commissioner Wolfe seconded, to approve the Park and Recreation Commission minutes of October 14, 2014. Motion carried 4/0.

4. CITIZEN REPORTS OR COMMENTS:

No one appeared before the Commission.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a) End of Season Meeting with Garden Renters

Several garden plot renters were in attendance to discuss the 2014 season. Commissioner Wahlstedt volunteered to form a sub-committee with those renters in attendance and have City staff send out a notice to the renters that were not in attendance for participation in an off-site meeting. The Community Garden Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 17, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the Bird House Inn, 371 Water Street. The agenda is to establish more of a garden club.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) Special Event Policy

City Manager Kristi Luger briefed the Park and Recreation Commission on the Special Event Policy and asked for input or changes from the Commission. The recommendation by the Commission was to waive the Police Officer requirement at smaller events where alcohol is served. City Manager Luger will present this recommendation to the City Council for review.

6. NEW BUSINESS - *Continued*

b) Recycle Grant

Public Works Superintendent Wisdorf briefed the Park and Recreation Commission on the recent grant and how it will be used to add bins around The Commons and the city.

7. VERBAL REPORTS FOR DISCUSSION

a) Proposal for Excelsior Studer Park Prairie Restoration

On-going discussion; no action taken at this time.

b) Erosion Control and Potential Plantings

Superintendent Wisdorf briefed the Park and Recreation Commission on his recent meetings with McNeal Landscaping. The Commission will continue discussing options and the budget for the 2015 spring season.

c) Hennepin Youth Sports Grant

Superintendent Wisdorf is in communications with the Diamond Club and Jim Janzer for an upcoming proposal to be ready for the 2015 season deadline. All parties will continue refining the wish list of available options.

d) Irrigation in the Commons

Wisdorf briefed the Park and Recreation Commission on the current irrigation system. Delays in the transformer per the manufacturer prevented the system from testing this fall.

8. MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS

a) October 2014 Park Capital Improvement Fund

Commissioner Punch moved, Commissioner Mullenbach seconded, to approve the October 2014 Park Capital Improvement Fund. Motion carried 4/0.

9. MISCELLANEOUS / COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

a) Recent Council Action

Wisdorf briefed the Park and Recreation Commission on recent City Council actions.

10. UPDATES / INFORMATION

a) Next Park and Recreation Commission Meeting – Tuesday, December 9, 2014

Wisdorf briefed the Park and Recreation Commission on items.

Additions to next month's agenda, please add: 1) Arctic Fever Update, and 2) Gazebo Funding.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Punch moved, Commissioner Mullenbach seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Motion carried 4/0.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul V. Mullenbach