

City of Excelsior
Hennepin County, Minnesota

Minutes
Park and Recreation Commission

Tuesday, February 10, 2015

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair Wolfe called the meeting to order at 6:25 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Craig, Mullenbach, Punch and Chair Wolfe

Commissioners Absent: Honzl, Norman, Wahlstedt

Also present: Public Works Superintendent Wisdorf

2. AGENDA APPROVAL

Commissioner Punch moved, Commissioner Scott seconded, to add Item 5(a), Concerts in the Park, and Item 7(g), The Commons Tree Care, and approve the agenda, as amended. Motion carried 4/0.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Punch moved, Commissioner Scott seconded, to approve the Park and Recreation Commission minutes of January 13, 2014 with an addendum to reflect the Park and Recreation Commission's recommendation on the mooring policy, a flat rate fee, and continuation of the senior rate reduction to the City Council. Motion carried 4/0.

4. CITIZEN REPORTS OR COMMENTS:

No one appeared before the Commission.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) Concerts in the Park 2015

Chair Wolfe presented the current lineup for the season, along with an email correspondence with Commodore of the Event, Mike Filippi. He said that sponsorship is still a priority. The Commission requested that this item continue on future agendas.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a) Schedule Joint Work Session with the City Council

The Commission scheduled April 6, 2015 as the Joint Work Session with the City Council, which will provide incoming Park and Recreation Commissioners one Commission meeting prior to the Joint Work Session.

7. VERBAL REPORTS FOR DISCUSSION

a) Proposal for Excelsior Studer Park Prairie Restoration

Commissioners Honzl and Wahlstedt were absent, so no new information. Commissioner Mullenbach is in contact with the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD) for an interest in grant funding and will report again at the March 10, 2015 Park and Recreation Commission meeting.

b) Erosion Control and Potential Plantings

The Commission continued this item to the March 10, 2015 Park and Recreation Commission meeting.

c) Community Garden Committee Report

In Commissioner Wahlstedt's absence, the Commission continued this item to the March 10, 2015 Park and Recreation Commission meeting.

d) Arctic Fever Update

Commissioner Mullenbach briefed the Commission on the Arctic Fever events. The amount of snow in The Commons moved most all of the events onto the lake. The horse drawn carriage through town was a big hit. There were a limited amount of users for the snow shoes that were provided by Three Rivers Park District.

e) Hennepin County Sports Grant

Wisdorf discussed the ongoing efforts with the Diamond Club to finalize a proposal for funding.

f) Gazebo Update

Wisdorf briefed the Park and Recreation Commission on the removal of the benches. The Commission continued discussion on funding to the April 6, 2015 Joint Work Session with the City Council.

g) Tree Care

Wisdorf briefed the Park and Recreation Commission on the current tree removal at the beach.

8. MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS

a) January 2015 Park Capital Improvement Fund

Commissioner Wolfe moved, Commissioner Mullenbach seconded, to approve the January 2015 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, March 10, 2015

11. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Punch moved, Commissioner Craig seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Motion carried 4/0.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Mullenbach