

City of Excelsior
Hennepin County, Minnesota

Minutes
Park and Recreation Commission

Tuesday, June 9, 2015

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair Wolfe called the meeting to order at 6:17p.m.

Commissioners Present: Craig, Mullenbach, Punch, Wolfe,

Commissioners Absent: Wahlstedt, Kielkucki, Honzl

Also Present: Public Works Superintendent Wisdorf

2. AGENDA APPROVAL

Commissioner Craig moved, Commissioner Punch seconded, approval of the agenda as presented. Motion carried 4/0.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Punch moved, Commissioner Craig seconded, to approve the Park and Recreation Commission minutes of May 12, 2015. Motion carried 4/0.

4. CITIZEN REPORTS OR COMMENTS

Resident Bob Bolles was present to discuss Citizen Suggestions to the replacement of the Gazebo by Mitten Pond.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(a) None

6. NEW BUSINESS

(a) Mitten pond Gateway

Volunteer committee of Commissioners to help in the revitalization of Mitten pond are Mullenbach, Wolfe. We will request other Commissioners at the next meeting to have at least 3 volunteers for the Mitten pond revitalization. Resident, Bob Bolles, 229 George Street, discussed citizen suggestions for the replacement of the Gazebo by Mitten Pond.

7. VERBAL REPORTS

(a) Concerts in the park update

Commissioner Wolfe updated the Board on the first show. Largely a success as the vendor dollars were substantially increased and over half of the projected revenue for the series.

(b) Commissioned art project

Commissioner Wolfe briefed the board on a possible print to be sold at Art on the lake with the majority of the sales going to the fireworks fund and a

small percentage going to the commissioned artist. Commissioner Craig voiced a verbal concern to make sure that there is no favoritism toward one particular artist.

- (c) Bathroom Hours
Public Works Superintendent Wisdorf placed a sign at said location displaying the hours of operation.
- (d) Proposal for Studer park prairie restoration
Commissioners Wahlstedt and Honzle were absent so no update
- (e) Erosion control
No update from the MCWD as of yet. Add agenda to nit-pickers for erosion control throughout walkways as an additional verbal item.
- (f) Garden plots
Public Works Superintendent Wisdorf briefed on the garden plots as to 7 vacant, 1 doesn't want it and 2 were in the process of planting. Compost bin to be added and the Board will discuss at the July meeting on whether or not to raise the rates and what additional services if any will be provided with an increase.
- (g) Electrical boxes
Public Works Superintendent Wisdorf briefed on the current plan to update boxes not only in the commons but throughout town. Commissioner Keilecki is currently working with the Historical society for pictures and possible funding to help with the implementation of the project.
- (h) Concession Building update
Public Works Superintendent Wisdorf reviewed the work that has been done to date to the area. Possible rental fee for outside venues like the car show... Board will review at the July meeting.
- (i) Ticket booth project in conjunction with the historical Society
Continued talks for fall revitalization for exterior glass updates may include the services at the Commons and a possible map of the area.
- (j) Master Plan
Commissioners Wolfe, Keilecki, Wahlstedt and Honzle met at Dunn Brothers and discussed interviewing professionals to help layout the plan much like the town of Shakopee had done with their park system. Interviews are beginning soon after the June meeting and an update will follow. Commissioner Keillicki also contacted City Manager Kristi Luger for an update on the City Council actions toward the Sandell study, response was that the City Council did absolutely nothing with the information provided by the study and the monies were wasted due to lack of action by the City Council. Commissioner Craig voiced concern that the board does not repeat the failure of the Council to initiate a new study.

(k) Commission Social Media

Commissioner Keilicki was absent so carry over to July meeting for discussion. Current facilitators of the Facebook page are Punch and Keilicki.

(l) Men's garden club

Public Works Superintendent Wisdorf briefed as to the Garden club to plant hostas around the electrical boxes.

8. MONTHLY FINANCIALS

Punch moved, Craig seconded to approve as written. Motion Carried 4/0.

9. MISCELLANEOUS / COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Recent Council Action; Superintendent Wisdorf briefed Board on recent actions.

10. UPDATES/INFORMATION

Superintendent Wisdorf briefed the Commission on recent City Council actions, which included a possible Ryder Cup venue at the Commons. Council will address as needed.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Punch moved, Commissioner Craig seconded, to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Motion carried 4/0.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul V. Mullenbach