

City of Excelsior  
Hennepin County, Minnesota

Minutes  
Park and Recreation Commission

Tuesday, July 14, 2015

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL :

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

Commissioners Present: Wolfe, Kielkucki, Craig, Mullenbach, Punch, Wahlstedt,  
Honzle arrived at 6:30p.m.

Commissioners Absent: None

Also present: Public Works Superintendent Wisdorf

2. AGENDA APPROVAL

Wahlstedt moved, Craig seconded, approval of the agenda as presented with the additions of the Master plan, Night to Unite, Mitten Pond/Gateway, Irrigation update, to the Verbal Reports, Motion Carried 7/0.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kielkucki moved, Craig seconded, to approve the Park and Recreation Commission minutes of June 9, 2015. Motion carried 7/0.

4. CITIZEN REPORTS OR COMMENTS

(a) None

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(a) None

6. New Business

(a) Presentation by Eric Snyder, Community for the Commons

Eric Snyder gave a presentation on the idea for a non-profit Conservancy to work in partnership with the City Council and Park and Recreation Board to establish a tax exempt option for donations. The Conservancy would write and request available grant funds to create a "Forever Fund". The Park and Recreation Board would have a seat on the board as "Ex-Officio" to help with the implementation of funds acquired.

Wahlstedt moved, motion seconded, to recommend that the acting Chair of the Park and Recreation Board will be the "Ex-Officio" and the Vice Chair would serve as the alternate through the remainder of 2015. The position will have an annual review. Craig was opposed; he had concerns of who would be governing the dollars from the Conservancy. Motion carried 6/1

(b) Ball Park Maintenance

Superintendent Wisdorf updated the Board on the current conditions. Youth baseball association has voiced safety concerns regarding the curling up of the backstop fencing. Superintendent Wisdorf is getting bids for repair. City

(b) Ball Park Maintenance - Continued

maintenance will begin filling low spots in the outfield. The current grant proposal is on hold.

7. Verbal Reports:

a) Studer Park

None

b) Potential Plantings & Erosion Control

Superintendent Wisdorf will establish sod on irrigation bare spots and will fill the low spot where the irrigation work was done.

c) Community Garden Committee Report

Superintendent Wisdorf provided the background on the four unused plots. Wisdorf will send out emails to the plots that look to be abandoned.

d) Concerts In The Park

Commadore Mike Filippi has resigned as the lead man for the Concerts in the Commons. Moving forward without him Commissioner Kielkucki will take the reins for the remainder of the 2015 season. A Sub Committee will be set up for the 2016 season at August meeting.

e) Partnership with Historical Society for Electrical Boxes

None

f) Social Media

None

Mullenbach moved, Honzle seconded, to extend the meeting until 8:15, carries 7/0.

g) Concession Building

Kielkucki briefed the board on the recent break in and the losses incurred. Community outreach of donations has been great and the Snack Shack will be open shortly after increased security measures are taken.

h) Master Plan

Wolfe, Keilecki, Wahlstedt and Honzle briefed the Board on the current statues. Contractors WSP and CHB asked how to proceed with an "Request for Proposal". Staff noted that Excelsior City Planner Scott Richards is the point of contact for Liddia and Rick. Park and Recreation is looking for a third party to write the Request For Proposal writer. A meeting was set up with Mark Nessit from the Rotary as a final interview. Sub-Committee to meet before the August meeting with an update.

- i) Night to Unite  
Keilkucki gave a report on the renamed National Night Out that will take place in the Commons as "Night to Unite" August 4<sup>th</sup> with activities, games, food and drink hosted by the Snack Shack.
- j) Mitten Pond/ Gateway  
None
- k) Knit Pickers List  
Will be an addition to the August Verbal Reports.

8. Monthly Financials

Punch moved, Craig seconded, to move to August as the informational sheets did not make it to the agenda. 7/0

9. Miscellaneous / Commissioner Comments

a) Recent Council Action

Superintendent Wisdorf briefed the Board on the City Council recent actions.

10. Updates/information

Superintendent Wisdorf briefed the Board on items.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Wahlstedt moved, Craig seconded, to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried 7/0.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul V. Mullenbach