

City of Excelsior
Hennepin County, Minnesota

Minutes
Park and Recreation Commission

Tuesday, February 09, 2016

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL :

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

Commissioners present: Wolfe, Mullenbach, Honzle, Wahlstedt, Craig, Punch.

Commissioners Absent: None

Also present: Superintendent Wisdorf

2. AGENDA APPROVAL

Commissioner Honzle moved, Commissioner Craig seconded, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 6/0.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Honzle moved, Commissioner Wahlstedt seconded, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 6/0.

4. CITIZEN REPORTS OR COMMENTS

Bill Damberg, owner of Brightwater clothier presented a letter along with the Chamber on a proposal and support of additional transient dockage at the port.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) The Commons Master Plan

Chair Wolfe briefed the board on the continuing discussions with the City representatives, Citizens for the Commons, along with the Park and Rec appointees, Chair Wolfe and Commissioner Honzle. Meetings are twice a month with briefings at next Park and Rec.

(b) Garden Plots

Brief discussion on drainage opportunities with Superintendent Wisdorf to check into the feasibility of a French drain system and the effects to the top soil in accordance with the guidelines for the protected subsoil. Possibilities of decommissioning some plots due to repeated seasonal flooding.

6. New Business

(a) Dock Extension

Commissioner Punch moved, Commission Honzle seconded, to recommend the concept of extending of docks with an intent to increase both transient and citizen dockage with a design yet to be determined with attention to safety and aesthetics. Motion carried 6/0.

(b) Dock Maintenance and Lighting

Superintendent Wisdorf presented his idea for lighting on the piers to accommodate the new combination locks for the system. Commissioners questioned the inability of the globes to direct the light down and toward the locks from the boater's side. Wisdorf will look into a more direct light/task lighting option for the March meeting to be reviewed.

7. Verbal Reports:

(a) Concerts in the park update:

Chair Wolfe gave update on the upcoming season. All the bands have been booked for 2016 season. Joeleen Kielkucki is meeting with the Rotary for a possible partnership. Chair Wolfe, Commissioner Honzl and Joleen Kielkucki are meeting with representatives with the St.Cloud Concerts in the park series to discuss their business model and crowd control issues. Briefing to follow.

(b) Partnership with Historical Society for electrical boxes:

No new updates, keep on verbal reports.

(c) Mitten Pond/ Gateway:

Discussed, on hold until Hennipen county traffic study.

(d) Arctic Fever:

Discussed, Topics for 2017: ice carving in the business district, flooding a portion of Water St. for ice rink. Art fair in the commons, Nordic race and grooming equipment needs for staff.

(e) Commons Electrical:

Public works Superintendent Wisdorf briefed the board on the current options but no new action from city council.

8. Monthly Financials:

Non presented

9. Miscellaneous / Commissioner Comments:

(a) Recent Council Action

Discussed by Board no recent actions.

10. Updates/information:

(a) Ballpark Maintenance:

Commissioner Mullenbach moved, Commissioner Honzle seconded, to approve the concept of an electronic scoreboard at the Commons with the final design approval by Park Board. Possibilities of Graphic wrap to highlight "The Commons" ballfield with an old time patina. Motion carried 6/0.

(b) Proposal for Studer Park revitalization:

Discussed, no action taken.

(b) Erosion Control:

Discussed, no action taken.

(d) Community Garden Committee Report:

Discussed, no action taken.

(e) Hennepin County Sports Grants:

On hold until Community for the Commons, City Council and Park and Recreation can agree on a long term goal.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Honzle moved, Commissioner Punch seconded, to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Motion carried 6/0.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul V. Mullenbach