

City of Excelsior
Hennepin County, Minnesota

Minutes
Park and Recreation Commission

Tuesday, March 15, 2016

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

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

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

Commissioners Absent: None

Also present: Public Works Superintendent Wisdorf

2. AGENDA APPROVAL

Commissioner Honzl moved, Commissioner Wahlstedt seconded, to approve the agenda with the following additions to be listed under New Business:

- d) Additional Kayak Rack
- e) Citizen Interest
- f) Community for the Commons Project
- g) Heritage Preservation Commission's roll with The Commons

Motion carried 5/0.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Honzl moved, Commissioner Wahlstedt seconded, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 5/0.

4. CITIZEN REPORTS OR COMMENTS

None

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 Recreation appointees, Chair Wolfe and Commissioner Honzle.

(b) Dock Lights

Superintendent Wisdorf presented the new proto type directional light to be placed on Pier 4 for a trial run. Wisdorf will present final design presentation and findings at the April meeting.

6. NEW BUSINESS

(a) Work Session with City Council

Park and Recreation Commissions are available for April 4, 2016 Work Session Meeting.

(b) Dock Extension Public Process

Recommendation by the Park and Recreation Commission for the City Council to have a dedicated Meeting or Open House with residents as the City Council has the last vote. Representation from Park and Recreation will attend as needed.

(c) The 19th Fairway Special Event

Wisdorf shared the Excelsior Lake Minnetonka Chamber's plan to hold two outdoor concerts in The Commons. The Friday night concert will have a local band and Saturday night show is set up for a national act. They plan to sell 3,500 tickets for the Saturday night show.

(d) Additional Kayak Rack

Commissioner Wahlstedt moved, Commissioner Honzle seconded, to request an additional kayak rack at the George Street landing. Motion carried 5/0.

(e) Citizen Interest

Commissioners discussed the lack of interest in the Park and Recreation Commission, as there have not been many responses to the open positions. Commissioners are going to spread the word and work to get some interested residents.

(f) Community for The Commons

Commissioners discussed giving The Community for The Commons a project to get started with. Possible projects would include but are not limited to Ticket booth restoration and a partnership with the Heritage Preservation Committee.

(g) Heritage Preservation Commission's Roll In The Commons

Park and Recreation reviewed a map located within the Council Chambers that only shows an area from the art bench to Lake Street as a designated Heritage zone.

7. VERBAL REPORTS

a) Concerts In the Park Update:

Volunteer Joeleen Kielkucki, provided an update to the Park and Recreation Commissioners. Print advertising will go out shortly, and the concerts are still in need of some larger sponsors. Some possibilities include a VIP section with wait service and tables. Joey Nova's pizza will be adding advertising on all delivery and carry out orders during the summer. Jakes will be catering all the food. The Snack Shack will also be open with Decca at the Helm. The Kids event will be billed as a separate event this year.

b) Partnership with Historical Society for electrical boxes:

No new updates, keep on verbal reports.

c) Mitten Pond/ Gateway:

Discussed, on hold until Hennepin County's traffic study is ready.

d) Arctic Fever:

Discussed, no new update.
Topics for 2017 Arctic Fever:

- Ice Carving
- Ice Rink on Water Street
- Art Fair in The Commons
- Nordic Race and Grooming Equipment for staff

e) Commons Electrical:

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

8. UPDATES/INFORMATION

(a) Ballpark Maintenance:

Commissioner Mullenbach moved, Commissioner Honzle seconded, to recommend approval of the electronic scoreboard at The Commons with the two side circles to have a smaller logo and the body painted in the dark Green color. Motion Carried 5/0.

(b) Proposal for Studer Park Revitalization:

Discussed, no action taken.

8. UPDATES/INFORMATION- CONTINUED

- (c) Erosion Control:
Discussed, no action taken.
- (d) Community Garden Committee Report:
Briefed on a recommendation to add garden mix soil to the low-lying plots to help build them up.
- (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.

9. MONTHLY FINANCIALS

Commissioner Wahlsted moved, Commissioner Honzle second, to approve as presented. Motion carried 5/0.

10. MISCELLANEOUS/ COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- a) Recent Council Action

Discussed by Board, no recent actions.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Honzl moved, Commissioner Punch seconded, to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Motion carried 5/0.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul V. Mullenbach