

City of Excelsior
Hennepin County, Minnesota

Minutes
Park and Recreation Commission

Tuesday, August 16, 2016

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

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

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

Commissioners Absent: Honzl

Also present: Public Works Superintendent Amundsen and Pending
Commissioner Keri Sobiech.

2. AGENDA APPROVAL

Commissioner Mullenbach moved, Commissioner Punch seconded, to approve the agenda with the additions of Item 7 (g) Nitpickers List. Motion Carries 5/0.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

4. CITIZEN REPORTS OR COMMENTS

None

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) Discussion on the dock extensions. Public Works Superintendent Amundsen briefed the Board on continuing action. No action taken.

b) Heritage Preservation Commission-Review of changes at the Commons. Chair Wolfe and Planner Smith did a walk about the park and are in the process of scheduling a meeting between the Boards. Park and Recreation would like to request the Mayor or a City Council Member Chair the discussion.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a) Attendance Policy.
Discussed by Board, recommend to keep as written.

b) Use of Drones in the Commons.
Motion by Commissioner Rodgers 2nd Wahlstedt to take a wait and see approach as the situation warrants. Motion carries 5/0.

6. NEW BUSINESS - CONTINUED

- c) Portable Bathrooms in the Commons.
The Park and Recreation Commission is opposed to permanent portable baths at the Commons. Commissioner Mullenbach and Superintendent Amundson are to research timed electric locks for the Bath House and Ball field restrooms. Place on unfinished business.
- d) Memorial Bench request.
Commissioner Mullenbach motion, seconded by Commissioner Punch, to approve the McMillan bench as presented and any further requests to be steered to any untaken current benches. Motion carries 5/0.

7. VERBAL REPORTS

- a) Partnership with Historical Society for electrical boxes:
Discussed no new updates, keep on verbal reports.
- b) Mitten Pond/ Gateway:
Discussed, on hold until Hennepin County's traffic study is ready. Remove from agenda until further notice.
- c) Arctic Fever:
Open meeting at Shorewood City Hall on August 24th at 5:30pm. Topics for 2017 Arctic Fever: Arctic Fever. Commissioner Mullenbach has a conflicting work engagement for the meeting set for August 24th at Shorewood City Hall. Park and Recreation Commission request the city Event Planner attend if available on short notice.
- Ice Carving
 - Ice Rink on Water Street
 - Art Fair in The Commons
 - Nordic Race and Grooming Equipment for staff
- d) Commons Electrical:
Public Works Superintendent Amundsen was briefed by the board on the current options but no new action from City Council. Remove from agenda.
- e) Kayak Racks:
Public Works Superintendent Amundsen informed the Board that the installation of racks on George Street will not happen as the bylaws indicate for use of a Fire Lane. Commissioners are going to discuss placement of an additional rack at the Commons at the September meeting. Keep on the agenda.
- f) Community for The Commons
Discussed, no action taken. Fundraiser is set for September 29th 2016 presented by Coalition as a per plate donations.

7. VERBAL REPORTS - CONTINUED

g) Nitpickers List

Commissioner Mullenbach presented several maintenance issues at The Commons for Public Works Superintendent Amundsen to have his staff address:

- Purchase a center net strap for Court #2,
- Have staff Power wash the interior walls and floors in the bath house.
- Sweep off ADA playground platforms daily along with clearing both basketball and tennis courts of tree debris.
- Commissioner Rodgers presented a maintenance list that was presented to her by a neighbor to Public Works Superintendent Amundsen to review.

8. UPDATES/INFORMATION

- (a) Ballpark Maintenance: Motion by Commissioner Mullenbach to use available Park and Rec funds to have an outside source install the SCOREBOARD this year and be installed in time for Fall Ball. Seconded by Commissioner Wahlstedt, Carries 5/0.
- (b) Proposal for Studer Park Revitalization: Discussed, no action taken.
- (c) Erosion Control: Discussed, no action taken.
- (d) Community Garden Committee Report: Discussed, no action taken.
- (e) Hennepin County Sports Grants: Discussed, no action taken.
- (f) Concerts in the Park: Discussed, no action taken.

9. COMMONS MASTER PLANNING WORK GROUP

Chair Eric Snyder presented and briefed the Board on the projects goal and current timeline for discussion. The group is to have several public forums to begin the public engagement phase. Post cards will be mailed to Excelsior City Residents first to start the feedback process. An outside firm has been hired to help facilitate and matrix the information gathered.

10. MISCELLANEOUS/ COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

a) Recent Council Action

Discussed by Board, no recent actions.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Mullenbach moved, Commissioner Punch seconded, to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried 5/0.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul V. Mullenbach