

City of Excelsior
Park and Recreation Commission

Minutes

February 15, 2011

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair Wentz called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Alderink, Wolfe, Roberts, and Chair Wentz

Also present: Public Works Superintendent Wisdorf

2. AGENDA APPROVAL

Commissioner Alderink moved, Commissioner Roberts seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 4/0

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Park & Recreation Commission Meeting – January 10, 2011

Commissioner Wolfe moved, Commissioner Aderlink seconded, to approve the Minutes from the January 10, 2011 Park and Recreation Commission as presented. Motion carried 4/0.

4. CITIZEN REPORTS or COMMENTS

None

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Alcohol in the Parks

The Executive Director of the South Lake Excelsior Chamber attended the January 11, 2011 Park and Recreation Commission meeting to discuss alcohol use and regulations in The Commons. More specifically, she wanted to discuss the possibility of having a wine/beer tasting in The Commons in conjunction with the Art on the Lake event.

Following the Commission's January meeting, staff reviewed the City's ordinances and found that the City Code does allow alcohol in the parks with certain restrictions. Section 24-17 of the City Code was provided for the Commission.

No further action is required for this agenda item.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

b. Dock Regulations and Procedures

At the January 10, 2011 meeting, the Park and Recreation Commission reviewed the Dock Regulations and Procedures. The Commission recommended several changes. At the January 18, 2011 Council meeting, the City Council reviewed the recommended changes and adopted the revised Dock Regulations and Procedures, with the exception of #15 which remained as originally written.

The Park and Recreation Commission also discussed the dock/buoy/slide rates at their January meeting. The Commission requested clarification from the Council on why the Council chose not to go with their recommendation to charge a flat rate for the docks. When the Council discussed the 2010 rates, there was a considerable discussion about whether to have a flat rate for the docks. When the Council looked at how much the cost would increase for the individuals who had much smaller boats, the majority of the Council thought the increase in today's economy would be too great for those individuals. The Council also discussed phasing in the increase, but the revenues would have dropped drastically. For these reasons, the majority of the Council was not in favor of establishing a flat rate.

Commissioner Wolfe stated that per square foot rates are unfair to owners with bigger boats, given that the size of the slips are all the same. He believes having one set rate per slip is more fair and equitable. After boat registrations are received for the 2011 boating season, Commissioners Wolfe and Roberts would like to put together a plan to present to the City Council to phase in a flat rate.

c. Bandshell Subcommittee

Commissioner Wolfe gave the Commission an update on the progress of the South Lake Bandshell Group. He noted that a town meeting will be held on Thursday, March 10th from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at the Southshore Community Center. He said this meeting will be a brain storming session to get input from community members. The meeting will cover topics related to benefits, negative aspects, and funding.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Canoe/Kayak Rack at Beach

The Commission will gather more information before making recommendation to Council. Staff was directed to keep this item on the March agenda.

7. MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS

Commissioner Wofle moved, Commissioner Aderlink seconded, to accept the monthly financial reports as presented. Motion carried 4/0.

8. MISCELLANEOUS / COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

a. Goals and Objectives for 2010

Information only.

b. Recent City Council Actions

Wisdorf updated Commissioners on recent City Council actions.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Roberts motioned, Commissioner Alderink seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 9:04. Motion carried 4/0.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Alderink
Secretary