

City of Excelsior
Park and Recreation Commission

Minutes

March 15, 2011

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

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

2. OATH OF OFFICE – Cathy Rude

Mayor Ruehl administered the Oath of Office to Cathy Rude.

3. ROLL CALL

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

Also present: Public Works Superintendent Wisdorf

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

Commissioner Alderink moved, Commissioner Roberts seconded, to add Item 7(c) – 2 Below Zero Proposal to the agenda and approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried 4/0.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Park & Recreation Commission Meeting – February 15, 2011

Commissioner Alderink moved, Commissioner Wentz seconded, to approve the Minutes from the February 15, 2011 Park and Recreation Commission meeting as presented. Motion carried 3/0/1, with Commissioner Rude abstaining.

b. Special Park & Recreation Commission Meeting – February 23, 2011

Commissioner Wentz moved, Commissioner Alderink seconded, to approve to Minutes from the February 23, 2011 Park and Recreation Commission Special Meeting as presented. Motion carried 3/0/1, with Commissioner Rude abstaining.

6. CITIZEN REPORTS or COMMENTS

None

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Bandshell Subcommittee

Tom Wolfe, 122 Second Street, reported to the Park and Recreation Commission that the South Lake Bandshell Group is in the process of compiling the data that was gathered at the March 10, 2011 meeting with the public.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Garden Plot Policy / Agreement

Lois Anselment, 124 West Lake Street, said she's had a garden plot for 20 years and it's always been self-regulated by the gardeners. She thinks that there are too many rules on the Draft Garden Plot Policy/Agreement.

Joann Linn, 300 W Lake Street, and Leroy Hanson, 5680 Wood Duck Circle, stated that they would like to see a fence around the gardens and compost.

Commissioners said they would like to revisit the garden pricing and the use of chemicals in fertilizers and other gardening products after the 2011 season.

Commissioners discussed whether to charge a deposit and the cost for the garden plots. For the 2011 season, Commissioners recommended not charging a deposit and not increasing the cost.

The Park and Recreation Commission spent most of the time discussing the issue of how to assign the garden plots. The Commission determined that there was not enough time to fully discuss the issue of whether Excelsior residents versus Excelsior area should have the ability to rent garden plots and in what order the garden plots will be assigned. For the 2011 season, the Commission decided to use the list of people who have called for a garden plot and assign the plots to the people in the order the call was received. After the season is completed, the Commission will review the list of who rented garden plots this year and the Garden Policy so they can make a final recommendation to the City Council on how garden plots should be assigned in the future.

Commissioner Alderink moved, Commissioner Rude seconded, to forward the recommendation to the City Council to approve the Garden Plot Policy with the changes discussed above. Motion carried 4/0.

The Park and Recreation Commission decided that they would like to review the Garden Plot Policy again after the 2011 season is over. The Commission requested that staff place the Garden Plot Policy on the November agenda.

6. NEW BUSINESS

b. Park Projects

Wisdorf provide an overview of potential park projects that are under consideration at this time, which included an Eagle Scout project, Oak Hill Cemetery clean up event, and City Park clean up event.

c. 2 Below Zero Proposal

The Park and Recreation Commission reviewed a business proposal for a shaved ice stand by 2 Below Zero.

The Park and Recreation forwarded the recommendation that the City Council begin contract negotiations with 2 Below Zero and that the business be located by the tennis courts where Tommy's Trolley 2 was originally located.

7. ANNUAL MEETING

Commissioner Rude moved, Commissioner Alderink seconded, to continue the annual meeting to the April 12, 2011 Park and Recreation Commission meeting. Motion carried 4/0.

8. MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS

a. Park and Recreation Accounts

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

9. MISCELLANEOUS / COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

a. Recent City Council Actions

Wisdorf updated Commissioners on recent City Council actions.

10. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Alderink
Secretary