

City of Excelsior
Park and Recreation Commission

Minutes

July 12, 2011

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Wentz called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Commissioners Absent: Wolfe

Also present: Public Works Superintendent Wisdorf

3. AGENDA APPROVAL

Chair Wentz moved, Commissioner Alderink seconded, to move Item 7(a) up on the agenda before Item 6(a) and approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried 6/0.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Park & Recreation Commission Meeting – June 14, 2011

Commissioner Rude moved, Commissioner Schmidt seconded, to approve the Minutes from the May 10, 2011 Park and Recreation Commission meeting as presented. Motion carried 6/0.

5. CITIZEN REPORTS or COMMENTS

None

7. MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS

a. Park and Recreation Financial Reports

Finance Director Carlson provided information on how to interpret the financial reports. Commissioners asked Carlson if it was possible to modify a couple of the features in the reports. Carlson stated yes. She agreed to modify the report and forward the updated reports to the Commission for their review.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Request to Rename Excelsior Parkland – Peter Studer

Peter Studer, 604 Glencoe Road, provided some background on the land, why it was donated and why the Studer name was removed.

Commissioner Schmidt moved to have a plaque on the site rather than a name change. There was not a second for the motion, so Commissioner Schmidt withdrew his motion.

Commissioner Roberts moved, Commissioner Alderink seconded to bring back the "Studer Park" name to Excelsior Parkland. The vote was 3/3, with Commissioners Alderink, Roberts, and Schmidt voting in favor of the motion and Commissioners Filippi and Rude and Chair Wentz voting against the motion.

b. Park Signage

The Commission decided to wait to discuss this item until a use is determined for Excelsior Parkland. Staff was asked to remove this item from the August agenda.

c. Park Bench Replacement

At the June meeting, the Commissioners requested an updated copy of the park bench inventory for The Commons and Port of Excelsior.

Wisdorf gave an overview of the updated park bench inventory that was provided in the agenda packet.

d. Bandshell Subcommittee

Schmidt reported that Bandshell Subcommittee members are touring Maple Grove and other communities that have bandshells to survey how other communities have developed their bandshells.

He noted that naming of bandshell, South Lake Minnetonka vs. Excelsior Commons may become an issue.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Park and Recreation Financial Reports

The Commission moved this item up on the agenda to follow Item 5.

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b. Use of Excelsior Parkland

Wisdorf reported that he is in the process of securing bid proposals for the type of fencing allowed for a dog park. Commissioners continued this item to the August meeting.

8. MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS

a. Park and Recreation Accounts

Commissioner Alderink moved, Commissioner Roberts seconded, to approve the Monthly Park and Recreation Financial Reports as presented. Motion carried 6/0.

9. MISCELLANEOUS / COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

a. Recent City Council Actions

Wisdorf updated Commissioners on recent City Council actions.

b. Bicycles in The Commons

Schmidt would like to discuss bicycles in The Commons and the safety issues related to such. The Commission requested that staff add this item to the August agenda.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Roberts moved, Commissioner Alderink seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 9:04. Motion carried 6/0.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Alderink
Secretary