

City of Excelsior
Park and Recreation Commission

Minutes

September 13, 2011

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Chair Wentz called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

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

Commissioners Absent: Wolfe, Roberts

Also present: Public Works Superintendent Wisdorf

2. CONDUCT ANNUAL PARK WALKTHROUGH – Beginning at 6:00 p.m.

While conducting the annual park walkthrough, Commissioners identified the following maintenance items that should be addressed:

a. Top of Ballfield area:

- Missing pavers at top of seating;
- Mulch washed out;
- Remove buckthorn; and
- Grass growing through cracks and at fence base

b. Grass growing through sidewalk

c. Pavers around tennis court need attention

d. Remove buckthorn/trim hill with lake view adjacent to beach

e. Loose board on the new boy scout stairway

f. Refinish picnic tables?

g. Weeding at Port

3. AGENDA APPROVAL

Commissioner Alderink moved, Commissioner Roberts seconded, to approve the agenda. Motion carried 6/0.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Park & Recreation Commission Meeting – August 9, 2011

It was noted that Roberts was absent for the August meeting.

Commissioner Filippi moved, Commissioner Alderink seconded, to approve the Minutes from the August 9, 2011 Park and Recreation Commission meeting as amended. Motion carried 6/0.

5. CITIZEN REPORTS or COMMENTS

None

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Minnesota Hockey Day Event, January 21, 2012

Commissioner Alderink moved, Commissioner Filippi seconded, to appoint Commissioner Alderink to serve as the representative for the Park and Recreation Commission and have Commissioner Schmidt serve as the alternate. Motion carried 6/0.

It was noted that the next meeting is scheduled for October 11, 2011 at 3:00.

b. Use of Excelsior Studer Park – Explore Dog Park

At the August 9, 2011 meeting, the Park and Recreation Commission discussed capital improvements for Excelsior Studer Park. One item that was listed in the 2009 Master Park Plan was a dog park. The Commission forwarded a recommendation to the City Council that plans be developed to install a dog park in Excelsior Studer Park.

At the September 19, 2011 Council meeting, the Council directed staff and the Park Commission to review the dog park proposal for a possible revenue stream and to check with other entities regarding costs for maintenance.

Commission stated that they think there should be a charge to use the park. Some options to consider are:

1. Add-on a cost to the dog license.
2. Excelsior Animal Hospital could be asked to sell annual passes.
3. Place a box on-site for a pay-on-your-honor daily pass.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Report from Committee for Better Lake Minnetonka Band Shell

Wendy Berghorst, the Chair of the Committee for a Better Lake Minnetonka Band Shell, provided an update on the Committee's discussions to date. Berghorst presented a proposal from Excelsior Bay Group, LLC to conduct a feasibility study. The cost for the study is \$16,000. The Excelsior Rotary Clubs have agreed to pay for half of the Study and the City of Excelsior would be asked to fund the other half.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Report from Committee for Better Lake Minnetonka Band Shell – (Continued)

Commissioners discussed the proposal. Commissioners had a number of questions, which they wanted to discuss with Kim Snyder of Excelsior Bay Group, LLC.

Commissioner Schmidt moved, Commissioner Wolfe seconded, to schedule a special meeting with Kim Snyder of Excelsior Bay Group, LLC before the October 3, 2011 City Council meeting. Motion carried 6/0.

b. Explore Expanding Sidewalk and Adding Walkway in The Commons

Commissioner Alderink moved, Commissioner Roberts seconded, to continue this agenda item to the October meeting. Motion carried 6/0.

8. MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS

a. Park and Recreation Accounts

No report.

9. MISCELLANEOUS / COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

a. Recent City Council Actions

Wisdorf updated Commissioners on recent City Council actions.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Schmidt moved, Commissioner Alderink seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 9:02. Motion carried 6/0.

Respectfully submitted,



Heather Alderink
Secretary