

City of Excelsior
Park and Recreation Commission

Minutes

Tuesday, May 15, 2012

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Filippi, Mullenbach, Schmidt, and Chair Beattie

Commissioners Absent: Rude and Wolfe

Also present: Public Works Superintendent Wisdorf

3. AGENDA APPROVAL

Commissioner Filippi moved, Commissioner Schmidt seconded, to add Items 7(c) Bench Request, and 7(d) Concerts in the Park to the agenda and approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried 5/0.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Park & Recreation Commission Meeting – April 10, 2012

Commissioner Filippi moved, Commissioner Schmidt seconded, to approve the meeting minutes from the April 10, 2012 meeting as presented. Motion carried 5/0.

5. CITIZEN REPORTS or COMMENTS

Chair Beattie recognized Commissioner Schmidt for all the work he has done on the Adopt a Flower Bed Program.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Adopt a Flower Bed in The Commons

Wisdorf distributed the designs for the flower beds which the City had just received that were prepared by Jan Klaus, J. K. Garden Designs. He provided an overview of the types of plants and costs.

Schmidt reported he has volunteers to plant and maintain flower beds #1 through #6.

Commissioner Schmidt moved, Commissioner Mullenbach seconded, to approve the designs prepared by Jan Klaus, J. K. Garden Designs and approve the budget for the plantings. Motion carried 5/0.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

b. 2011 Goals and Objectives

The Commission discussed the goals and objectives the Park and Recreation Commission adopted in 2011.

Commissioner Schmidt moved, Commissioner Filippi seconded, to continue this agenda item to the June 12, 2012 meeting. Motion carried 5/0.

c. The Commons Clean Up – May 19, 2012

Wisdorf will have list of tasks to be worked on as part of The Commons Clean Up on May 19, 2012.

d. Update from Committee for Better Lake Minnetonka Band Shell

No update.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Dock/Buoy/Slide Policy

Wisdorf reported that at the April 16th City Council meeting, the Council approved the installation of two canoe/kayak racks. With the addition of the canoe/kayaks, the Mooring Policy needed to be updated. It was determined that it was an opportune time to make other changes to the policy.

The biggest change to the Mooring Policy is the format of the document. The original document had the regulations listed while the new document has the regulations broken into sections.

A new regulation was proposed by a resident who is at the top of the dock waiting list but is unable to purchase a boat at this time. It would allow a person to pay for half of the fee for the maximum sized boat to stay at the top of the waiting list for one year.

The Park and Recreation Commission reviewed the proposed changes to the Mooring Policy. The Commission had a couple of minor changes to the policy. The Commission discussed the new regulation with regard to the waiting list; the Commission did not have an issue with including the new regulation.

Commissioner Filippi moved, Commissioner Mullenbach seconded, to forward the recommendation to the City Council that it approve the revised Mooring Policy as amended. Motion carried 5/0.

7. NEW BUSINESS

b. Park Reforestation

Wisdorf presented information regarding the trees in The Commons. He presented a request he had received to plant an Ash tree in the Commons in memory of a loved one.

Commissioner Schmidt moved, Commissioner Filippi seconded, to approve the request to plant a memorial tree in The Commons. Motion carried 5/0.

Commissioner Schmidt moved, Commissioner Filippi seconded, to continue this agenda item to the July 10, 2012 meeting, with direction to staff to provide a list of approved plantings. Motion carried 5/0.

c. Bench Request

Wisdorf stated that The City has received a request from the South Lake Minnetonka Police Department (SLMPD) to install a 4-foot Victory Stanley bench at the Port of Excelsior in memory of Captain Don Rogers. Captain Rogers served as the seasonal Dockmaster for the City of Excelsior for many years. The bench is proposed to be installed at the edge of the Ticket Booth garden, facing the docks. The City has designated the 6-foot Victor Stanley bench as the bench standards for the park so special approval is needed to vary from that requirement. The SLMPD is requesting permission to install a 4-foot bench because there is not enough room at the proposed location to accommodate a 6-foot bench.

Commissioner Schmidt moved, Commissioner Filippi seconded, to forward the recommendation to the City Council that it approve the installation of the 4-foot Victor Stanley bench at the edge of the Ticket Booth garden, facing the docks. Motion carried 5/0.

d. Concerts in the Park

Wisdorf stated that the Concerts in the Park will start on Thursday, June 7th. He noted that the Park and Recreation Commission typically have assisted with the concerts. He asked the Commissioners if they would be willing to sign up to work one or more of the concerts over the summer. Commissioner Mullenbach signed up to do the June 7th concert and Commissioner Schmidt signed up to do the June 19th concert. The Commission requested that this item be placed back on the June agenda.

8. MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS

a. Park and Recreation Accounts

The Commission accepted the financial reports as presented.

9. MISCELLANEOUS / COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

a. Recent City Council Actions

Wisdorf provided a brief update on recent City Council actions.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Filippi moved, Commissioner Schmidt seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m. Motion carried 5/0.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Wisdorf
Acting Secretary