

City of Excelsior  
Park and Recreation Commission  
Minutes  
Tuesday, January 15, 2013

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 6: 15 p.m. by Vice Chair Rude.

Commissioners present: Filippi, Mullenbach, Wolfe, and Vice Chair Rude

Commissioners absent: Norman

Also present: Public Works Superintendent Wisdorf

2. AGENDA APPROVAL

Commissioner Filippi moved, seconded by Commissioner Schmidt, to approve the agenda. Motion carried 5/0

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Park and Recreation Commission Meeting – December 11, 2012

Filippi submitted two changes:

Item 5(c) should read: "Commissioner Norman moved, Commissioner Filippi seconded, to increase the concert budget from \$4,000.00 to ~~\$6,000.00~~ \$10,000.00.

A paragraph should be added to Item 5(b) to read: Commissioners Wolfe and Mullenbach were designated as the liaisons to represent the Park and Recreation Commission.

Commissioner Filippi moved, Commissioner Wolf seconded, to approve the minutes of December 11, 2012 as amended. Motion carried 5/0.

4. CITIZEN RREPORTS OR COMMENTS

NONE

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) Use of the Ballpark – South Tonka Baseball

Wolfe reported that he has had ongoing discussion regarding the use of the ballpark by the South Tonka baseball group and would continue those

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5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) Use of the Ballpark – South Tonka Baseball – (Continued)

discussions. He will be working on a formal agreement addressing issues such as manpower, money, mowing, fertilizer, etc.

Wolfe raised the issue of whether the fees for the current usage of the ballpark are appropriate. That item should be placed on the February agenda as a separate item.

b) Adopt a Flower Bed in The Commons

Wisdorf will meet with the Mens' Garden Club to confirm their plans for flower beds at the Port.

General discussion focused on the need to irrigate The Commons before any serious flower bed plans can go forward. It was the consensus of the Commission that the flower bed area above the ballpark should be irrigated immediately as a high priority.

Wisdorf was asked to present more detailed cost estimates, dividing the cost out within 3 zones, one for the flower beds above the ballpark, another for the ballpark itself, and the third for The Commons open area. The plan is to analyze the irrigation system plans in more depth at the February meeting.

It was the consensus of the Commission that it should ask the South Tonka group to contribute the cost of the irrigation for the ballpark. Discussion focused on whether any of the events currently being scheduled such as the Car Show on June 1-2 and Art on the Lake on June 8-9 could generate funds that could help to finance the irrigation system by concessions or otherwise.

Wolfe reported on the potential availability of funds from the Diamond Club and Target Field funds. It was agreed that we should study those sources.

c) The Commons and Port of Excelsior Related Revenue

Filippi stated that he will be presenting the concert proposal that he has been working on to the City Council at their meeting on January 22, 2013.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

d) Bike Trail and Sidewalk Initiative

The Commission agreed to continue this item to the March meeting.

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The Commission agreed to continue this item to the February meeting.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Contract Renewal for Tommy's Kayak Rentals

Commissioner Schmidt moved Commissioner Filippi seconded, to forward the recommendation to the City Council that the request be approved and request that staff place a discussion to address the safety issues pertaining to the kayaks on the Commission's April agenda.

b. 2013 Dock/Buoy/Slide/Kayak-Canoe Rates

The consensus of the Commission was to provide no formal opinion or recommendation regarding this item.

c. Electrical Fixtures in The Commons

The issue was raised regarding the unsightliness of the electrical fixtures in The Commons. The Commission agreed to add this item to the February agenda.

7. Monthly Financial reports

a. Park and Recreation Accounts

Commissioner Filippi moved, Commissioner Wolfe seconded, to approve the financial report. Motion carried 5/0.

8. MISCELLANEOUS / COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

a. Recent City Council Actions

Wisdorf presented an update on the recent City Council actions.

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b. Arctic Fever Update

Mullenbach reported on the activities that took place on Arctic Fever event.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Filippi moved, Commissioner Schmidt seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Motion carried 5/0.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Schmidt  
Secretary