

City of Excelsior
Park and Recreation Commission

Minutes

Tuesday, March 12, 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, Wolfe, Honzl, Mullenbach, and Vice Chair Rude

Commissioners absent: Norman and Craig

Also present: Public Works Superintendent Wisdorf and Mayor Gaylord

2. OATH OF OFFICE

Mayor Gaylord administered the Oath of Office to Commissioners Honzl and Wolfe.

3. AGENDA APPROVAL

Commissioner Wolfe moved, Commissioner Mullenbach seconded, to approve the agenda. Motion carried 5/0.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Park & Recreation Commission Meeting – February 12, 2013

Commissioner Wolfe moved, Commissioner Honzl seconded, to approve the Park and Recreation Commission minutes of the February 12, 2013 meeting. Motion carried 5/0.

5. CITIZEN REPORTS OR COMMENTS

Doug Schmidt, former Park and Recreation Commissioner, gave his thanks for time spent on the Commission. He said he is looking forward to continuing to work with the Park and Recreation Commission while he is serving on the Heritage Preservation Commission. He also brought up that the 50th anniversary of the Rolling Stones Concert at the former Amusement park is next summer. He would like to see the Rolling Stones play again in Excelsior. Commissioner Filippi stated that he is working on this.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Use of the Ballpark – South Tonka Baseball

South Tonka Baseball has submitted a proposal to use the ballpark for some of their games on a one year trial basis. South Tonka Baseball will hold games at the ballpark on Tuesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

b. Adopt a Flower Bed/Irrigation System - The Commons

Wisdorf will bring the proposal for the irrigation system to be installed in The Commons to the City Council in April for approval.

c. Concerts in the Park

Filippi updated the Commission on the progress for the concerts in the park. He noted that the plans for everything are on track.

d. Options for Handling Refuse in The Commons

Wisdorf displayed the new sign and bag dispenser that are being proposed to that will be available for park users to "pack it in, pack it out".

e. Nitpickers List

The Commission went through the list provided by Wolfe and designated along with the list of items provided by Wisdorf. Some of the items will be handled by Public Works and others will be completed at the annual Commons Spring Clean Up Day. The Commission requested that the list will be an ongoing agenda item.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Spring Clean Up Day – Saturday, May 18, 2013

The Commission requested that The Commons Spring Clean Up be scheduled on Saturday, May 18, 2013, in conjunction with the City's Spring Clean Up Day.

b. Schedule Joint Work Session with the City Council

The Commission scheduled the joint work session with the City Council for Monday, April 15th at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioners were asked to bring their top three ideas for The Commons.

c. Garden Plot Policy

The Commission discussed the questions posed by the staff and the proposed changes to the Garden Plot Policy.

The Commission recommended that gardeners that had a garden plot the previous year be allowed to move to one of the vacant garden plots and that the requests be completed in the order received.

7. NEW BUSINESS

c. Garden Plot Policy – (Continued)

In addition, the Commission recommended that everyone on the waiting list be given an opportunity to rent a garden plot before a gardener who had a plot the previous year be given the opportunity to rent a second garden plot.

10. ANNUAL MEETING

a. Election of Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary

Commissioner Filippi moved, Commissioner Wolfe seconded, to nominate Commissioner Rude as Chair. Motion carried 4/0/1, with Commissioner Rude abstaining.

Commissioner Wolfe moved, Commissioner Filippi second, to continue the election for Vice-Chair and Secretary to the April 9, 2013 meeting. Motion carried 5/0.

b. By-Laws Amendment

Commissioner Wolfe moved, Commissioner Mullenbach seconded, to continue operating under the current By-Laws. Motion carried 5/0.

c. Goals and Objectives for 2013

The Commission adopted its 2013 goals at the January 2013 meeting.

d. Code of Ethics

Commissioner Filippi moved, Commissioner Wolfe seconded, to acknowledge receipt of the Code of Ethics. Motion carried 5/0.

11. MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS

a. Park and Recreation Accounts

The Commission reviewed and accepted the financial report.

12. MISCELLANEOUS / COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

a. Recent City Council Actions

Wisdorf updated the Commission on recent City Council actions.

b. Arctic Fever Update

Nothing to report.

- c. Summit Meeting with Park Commissions from Neighboring Cities

No report.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Filippi moved, Commissioner Honzl seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Motion carried 5/0.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Mullenbach
Acting Secretary