

City of Excelsior
Hennepin County, Minnesota

Minutes
Park and Recreation Commission

Tuesday, November 12, 2013

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

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

Commissioners Present: Craig, Filippi, Honzl (arrived at 6:40 p.m.), Mullenbach, Norman (arrived at 6:30 p.m.), Wolfe, and Chair Rude

Commissioners Absent: None

Also Present: Public Works Superintendent Wisdorf

2. AGENDA APPROVAL

Move Item 6(b), End of Season Meeting with Garden Plot Renters, to the beginning of Item 5, Unfinished Business, to accommodate gardeners.

Commissioner Filippi moved, Commissioner Wolfe seconded, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried 5/0.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

(a) Park and Recreation Commission Meeting - October 15, 2013

Commissioner Filippi moved, Commissioner Craig seconded, to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2013 Park and Recreation Commission meeting with an amendment to 5 (d) Vote: 6/1, Craig opposed. Motion carried 5/0.

4. CITIZEN REPORTS OR COMMENTS

None

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6(b) End of Season Meeting with Garden Plot Renters

Barb Mahoney, Pleasant Avenue, addressed the Commission to discuss the problems with the soil and concerns with unattended plots.

Norean Andrus, Shorewood, addressed the Commission and commented that she loved the 2013 garden season but that the soil was poor.

Petrich Wright, West Lake Street, addressed the Commission and also commented on poor soil conditions.

Jackie Jasper, Tonka Bay, addressed the Commission and commented on poor soil conditions and squash bugs.

The Commission passed around an email list to those in attendance, in an attempt to form more of a garden club. Commissioner Wolfe moved, Commissioner Honzl seconded, to add an email address to the 2014 Garden Plot Policy application and to recommend a soil test throughout the season to

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6(b) End of Season Meeting with Garden Plot Renters - (Continued)

establish a course of action to address poor soil quality. Motion carried 6/0/1, Commissioner Filippi abstained.

(a) Irrigation

Commissioner Wolfe moved, Commissioner Norman seconded, to move forward with a recommendation for Public Works Superintendent Wisdorf to find an expert steward of irrigation to consult on the current plan and to implement the complete system at the earliest timetable. Motion carried 7/0.

(b) 2014 Concerts in the Park

Commissioner Wolfe and Commissioner Filippi shared recent subcommittee notes for the upcoming 2014 season.

(c) Ice Skating Rink

Discussion will be brought up at the joint session on November 19, 2013 with surrounding cities to find out what kind of financial and manpower assistance the cities of Shorewood and Tonka Bay will contribute.

6. NEW BUSINESS

(a) Request for Lighting at the Port - Excelsior Lake Minnetonka Chamber of Commerce

Commissioner Honzl moved, Commissioner Wolfe seconded, to approve white lights on the ticket booth and trees only until after Arctic Fever on January 20, 2014, then removed promptly along with a cost estimate. Motion carried 6/1, Commissioner Filippi objected for lack of information.

(b) End of Season Meeting with Garden Plot Renters

This item was moved to Item 5, Unfinished Business.

(c) Summary of Park Board Walkthrough from November 9, 2013 - Goals/Prioritize Nitpickers List

The Commission discussed the joint walkthrough of November 9, 2013. Commissioner Rude moved, Commissioner Honzl seconded, to continue this item to the December 10, 2013 meeting as Unfinished Business.

(d) Arctic Fever 2014

Commissioner Mullenbach gave a brief overview of the activities for this event. No additional action taken.

Commissioner Mullenbach moved, Commissioner Wolfe seconded, to extend the meeting until 8:15 p.m. Motion carried 7/0.

7. MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS

(a) Park and Recreation Accounts

Commissioner Wolfe moved, Commissioner Honzl seconded, to approve the Park and Recreation Accounts, as submitted. Motion carried 7/0.

8. MISCELLANEOUS / COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

(a) Recent City Council Actions

Public Works Superintendent Wisdorf gave a brief overview of recent City Council actions. No action taken.

(b) Summit Meeting with Park Commissions from Neighboring Cities

A short discussion was held on who will be able to attend and relay rink requests. No action taken.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Filippi moved, Commissioner Wolfe seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried 7/0.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul V. Mullenbach