

City of Excelsior
Hennepin County, Minnesota

Minutes
Park and Recreation Commission

Tuesday, April 17, 2014

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Wolfe called the meeting was called to order at 6:18 p.m.

2. OATH OF OFFICE

City Manager Luger gave the Oath to incoming Commissioner Dave Wahlstedt.

3. ROLL CALL

Commissioners present: Craig, Honzl, Mullenbach, Norman, Punch, Wahlstedt,
and Chair Wolfe

Commissioners Absent: None

Also present: Public Works Superintendent Wisdorf

5. AGENDA APPROVAL

Commissioner Punch moved, Commissioner Wahlstedt seconded, to approve the agenda, with the addition of Item 8(a)1, Studer Park Prairie Restoration. Motion carried 7/0.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Punch moved, Commissioner Honzl seconded, to approve the Park and Recreation Commission minutes of February 11, 2014. Motion carried 7/0.

7. CITIZEN REPORTS OR COMMENTS

Mark Nesbitt, Excelsior Rotary, addressed the Commission.

Mr. Nesbitt suggested a partnership for improvements to The Commons but said that the Rotary has limited funds to contribute for a project. Commissioners are going to bring ideas to the May 13, 2014 Commission meeting for discussion and implementation of a collaborative effort.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(a)1 Studer Park Prairie Restoration

Rich Thompson, 684 Glencoe Road, addressed the Commission.

Mr. Thompson brought forth a proposal to add a native prairie to the open space adjacent to the community gardens. Commissioners were receptive to the idea. Vice Chair Honzl and Commissioner Wahlstedt agreed to meet with Mr. Thompson to further discuss the idea and present a proposal at the May 13, 2014 Commission meeting. The Commission is looking for a possible picnic/rental area in this space.

Commissioner Mullenbach moved, Commissioner Honzl seconded, for Vice Chair Honzl and Commissioner Wahlstedt to meet with Mr. Thompson to further discuss the idea and present a proposal to the Commission at the May 13th meeting. Motion carried 7/0.

(a) Concerts in the Park

Chair Wolfe said he informed the City Council of recent weekend meetings for the 2014 Concerts in the Park series events. Commissioner Honzl will contact the local print advertisers for drop flyer deadlines due on May 24th. Commission agreed to continue this item on the May 13th agenda as unfinished business.

(b) Ball field Concessions / Dugouts

Commissioner Mullenbach moved, Commissioner Craig seconded, to draft a resolution for City Council approval for restrictions on vendor traffic on the outfield, so we don't have a repeat of the damage caused by some of the vendor trucks at special events in 2013. The Commission discussed that they are trying to improve the facilities, along with the City's partnership with Minnetonka Baseball Association, and funds for the repairs have yet to be recovered. Motion carried 7/0.

(c) Hennepin Youth Sports Grant

This item was continued to the May 13th Park and Recreation Commission agenda.

(d) Nitpickers List

Commissioner Wahlstedt was brought up to speed on the Nitpickers List. The Commission discussed items that have been completed, along with new items to be added once the snow melts.

Commissioner Mullenbach moved, Commissioner Honzl seconded, to add ten minutes to the meeting. Motion carried 7/0.

9. NEW BUSINESS

(a) Spring Cleanup Day

The Spring Cleanup Day is scheduled for May 3, 2014 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Everyone should meet at the concession building.

10. MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS

(a) Park and Recreation Accounts

Commissioner Honzl moved, Commissioner Mullenbach seconded, to approve the Park Capital Improvement Fund of March 2014. Motion carried 7/0.

11. MISCELLANEOUS / COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

(a) Recent Council Action

Superintendent Wisdorf briefed the Commission on recent City Council actions.

12. UPDATES / INFORMATION

Superintendent Wisdorf briefed the Commission on items.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Mullenbach moved, Commissioner Honzl seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Motion carried 7/0.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul V. Mullenbach