

City of Excelsior
Hennepin County, Minnesota

Minutes
Park and Recreation Commission

Tuesday, May 13, 2014

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair Wolfe called the meeting to order at 6:17 p.m.

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

Commissioners Absent: None

Also present: Public Works Superintendent Wisdorf

2. AGENDA APPROVAL

Commissioner Mullenbach moved, Commissioner Honzl seconded, to approve the agenda, as presented. Motion carried 7/0.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Wahlstedt moved, Commissioner Honzl seconded, to approve the Park and Recreation Commission minutes of April 15, 2014. Motion carried 7/0.

4. CITIZEN REPORTS OR COMMENTS

Leon Boyd, 44 First Street, addressed the Commission regarding the playground.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(a) Partnership with Excelsior Rotary for Improvements to The Commons

The Commissioners agreed to bring three ideas for improvements to the June 10th Park and Recreation Commission meeting to be prioritized and categorized by monetary costs.

(b) Concerts in the Park

Chair Wolfe stated that he had informed the City Council of recent weekend Commission meetings for this year's concert events. Commissioner Honzl said he has contacted the local print advertisers for the drop flyer. Commission and volunteers should arrive by 5:00 p.m. for set-up.

(c) Ball field Concessions / Dugouts

Continue discussion on unfinished business.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(d) Hennepin Youth Sports Grant

Superintendent Wisdorf said he will meet with the Diamond Club to discuss options for grant moneys. Commissioner Mullenbach also suggested using park funds for an independent grant writer. He said a grant writer could possibly be hired for an average cost of \$30.00 per hour.

(e) Nitpickers List

Commissioners were brought up to speed on the list. Completed items were discussed, along with new items yet to be added. Commissioner Wahlstedt was researching the use of volunteer groups for a labor force and discussed with Superintendent Wisdorf for some projects.

(f) Spring Cleanup Day

Spring Cleanup Day was cancelled due to weather and pushed to a date for the fall to be set at the September Park and Recreation Commission meeting.

(g) Irrigation in The Commons

Wisdorf provided an update on irrigation in The Commons. He will also provide information for the Commission at the June 10th meeting regarding bids received for irrigation.

6. NEW BUSINESS

(a) Presentation by Karen Harris, Make-A-Wish Foundation, with a Request to Place a Statue of the First Make-A-Wish Recipient in The Commons

The presentation by Karen Harris was cancelled prior to the meeting.

(b) Proposal for Excelsior Studer Park Prairie Restoration

Commissioners Honzl and Wahlstedt briefed the Commission but no formal proposal has been received, yet. They will continue with residents to finalize and will also contact garden plot renters for input. A plan will need to be finalized and brought to the City Council.

(c) Playground Equipment

Commissioner Wahlstedt moved, Commissioner Honzl seconded, to replace the broken teeter-totter with a merry-go-round and add more pea gravel to the area. Motion carried 7/0.

6. NEW BUSINESS

(d) Request for Memorial Bench

The request for a memorial bench was not submitted at the time of the meeting. This item was moved to the June 10th agenda.

7. MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS

(a) Park and Recreation Accounts

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

8. MISCELLANEOUS / COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

(a) Recent Council Action

Wisdorf briefed the Commission on recent Council actions.

9. UPDATES / INFORMATION

Wisdorf briefed the Commission on items.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Mullenbach moved, Commissioner Craig seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Motion carried 7/0.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul V. Mullenbach