

Regular Meeting.
Parks Commission March 20, 2018 - 4:30 p.m.
City Hall

Present: T. Krohn, C. Martinson, J. Badger, T. Urbanski, J. Fryc

Absent: B. Wyman, M. Krick,

Staff: C. Peterson, L. Anderson, K. Stedman, A. Chalberg, J. Anderson

Others: J. Woollett

MINUTES

The minutes of the February 5, 2018 regular meeting were presented. Motion by Badger and 2nd by Martinson to approve, motion carried 4-0.

COMMISSIONERS UPDATE

A complaint was received at City Hall from a resident regarding the substantial amounts of dog waste in the parks. It has been noted that many dog owners have not been responsible citizens and do not clean up after their dogs, often letting them run in Pine Valley and on the sports fields. An additional complaint was received from a home owner near Braun Park about the dogs running at large and stated they called the Police Department who advised the dog owner to clean up. Discussion continued regarding solutions, Martinson advocates a dog park so owners have a place to run dogs and where peer pressure would lend itself to the owners being self-policing. In addition, C. Peterson will reach out to the Police Chief to ask for more enforcement when incidents are reported. Lastly the Park Department is adding new signage and several doggie clean up stations to assist the dog owners.

CITY STAFF REPORT

Pine Valley Chalet:

- Staff has been in discussion with the architects for a final rendition and renovations are still planned.

Skatepark Update:

- It is out for bids now, they are due Thursday March 22. The Commission should plan to meet in two weeks to discuss the bids prior to going to council.

Maintenance Activities:

- Finishing the pool house floor.
- Beginning playground inspections.
- Removing hockey boards and goals.
- Ordered picnic table frames for Dunlop Island, 2 in the open shelter and 2 for under the awning.
- Beginning baseball field preparations. First game scheduled for April 9th weather permitting.
- Setting up a BBQ by the pavilion at Dunlop.
- Posting the dog signage and doggie clean-up stations. The Pine Valley signage states dogs must be under control, does not specify they must be leashed, this is a topic for future discussion.
- The Facebook and Twitter accounts have been set up to help keep the public informed.

Mountain Bike Trail:

Staff is waiting for contact from the contractors and the permitting process.

ACTION ITEMS

CYBSA Budget Review:

Staff has reviewed the Cloquet Youth Baseball/Softball Association budget. A few questions regarding income and expenses including capital improvements were discussed. Fund raising dollars were questioned and Jeff Woollett the President of the CYBSA mentioned that the card sales fund raiser in 2018 will be mandatory to increase that line item. The operating budget balanced. Motion by Urbanski and 2nd by Badger to approve, motion carried 5-0.

CYBSA Agreement:

The CYBSA lease the park and run the local recreation program via an agreement which renews every five years, and is due to renew this year. Jeff was on hand to field questions and express the current needs of the Association. One item listed in The Agreement to be confirmed is the insurance liability amount; C. Peterson will confirm. The primary need currently is a new scoreboard which is not in the budget for 2018 and should be added to the 2019 budget. City Staff will continue to work with the Association to repair the existing board for the interim. If the CYBSA decides to fund a new scoreboard on their own they must first obtain approval of the Parks Commission because the property does belong to the City. Motion by Fryc and 2nd by Urbanski to approve, motion carried 5-0.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting to be held April 2, 2018 - 4:30 p.m. at City Hall

On motion duly carried by a unanimous yea vote of all members present, the Parks Commission adjourned.

Secretary