

Regular Meeting.
Parks Commission December 7, 2015 4:30 p.m.
City Hall

Present: Urbanski, Krick, Badger, Krohn, Stowell, Louhela.
Absent: Wyman.
Staff: C. Peterson, L. Peterson.
Others: R. Reeves, L. Wilkinson.

MINUTES

The minutes of the November 2, 2015 regular meeting were presented and approved.

COMMUNITY ED REPORT

- The year-end report on the Beach was reviewed.
- A medallion hunt is planned in partnership with WKLK.
 - Event to kick off on Groundhog Day.

CITY STAFF REPORT

- Staff presented three options under consideration for new dugout benches at Pinehurst Park.
 - The Commission preferred the aluminum benches with backs.
- Staff presented three material options for use as playground border at Hilltop Park.
 - The Commission selected modular block as the preferred alternative.
- A chart of potential color schemes for the Hilltop Playground was distributed.
 - A tally of those members present expressed a preference for “Pacific.”

COMMISSIONERS UPDATE

- Commissioner Krick inquired about the interest in creating a Park Department Facebook Page. A long discussion was held regarding the use of social media. Staff directed to research the concept further and bring it back to a future meeting for further consideration.
- Commissioner Stowell inquired when the Pinehurst Hockey Boards would be installed. Staff stated the boards would not be installed until crews are ready to begin flooding the rink.
- Commissioner Krohn stated the Wood City Riders had recently approached FDL regarding permitting for their trail system on Tribal lands. Discussion was held on past issues with snowmobile and other motorized traffic on the ski trail west of Spring Lake Road. It was suggested that the Club be required to reinstate fencing along areas where motorized traffic commonly access the trail as part of any formal permit or agreement with the City.

SKI CLUB AGREEMENT

Staff provided a review of the proposed lease with the Ski Club for operation and maintenance of ski jumps at Pine Valley. The lease has a 3-year term and is a renewal of previous agreements with the Club.

Motion by Louhela, 2nd by Krick, to recommend approval of the Lease Agreement with the Cloquet Ski Club. Motion Carried, 6-0.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting to be held January 4, 2016, 4:30 p.m. at City Hall.

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

Secretary