

Regular Meeting.
Parks Commission September 10, 2018 - 4:30 p.m.
City Hall

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

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

Others: Ruth Reeves, K. Ripp, A. Wojciehowski

MINUTES

The minutes of the July 2, 2018 regular meeting were presented. Motion to approve, motion carried 4-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS, OTHER COMMENTS

None

INFORMATION AND REPORTS

a. Commissioners & Public Comments

- Art Wojciehowski of 1500 Prospect Avenue addressed the Commission regarding concerns with safety/security at the new skatepark and Dunlap Island Park. Mr. Wojciehowski supported fencing and paid staff for the skate park and the addition of a fence along the River at Dunlap Island Park. Staff reviewed the planning history of both projects. Commissioners are asked to visit Dunlap and report back with concerns/observations. The group would like to see how initial operations at the new skatepark go before discussing changes.
- Ken Ripp addressed the Commission with an update on Ski Club participation and list of future considerations for Pine Valley. Items discussed include: portable toilet enclosure with changing room, Club assistance with trail grooming, donation of old grooming equipment, snow making, and utilization of the tubing hill for ski and snowboarding.
- Commissioner Krohn spoke about planning and funding of phase II of the single-track trail at Pine Valley. Staff stated currently no sales tax funding is available and the project has not been identified in the 5-year CIP by either the Commission or Council. Local advocates may meet to discuss fundraising strategies.

b. City Staff Report

- Staff presented a proposal to move the holiday lighting display from the skating ribbon to Veterans Park. Unreliability of early season ice has created an icy path with not fit for skating or walking. The Commission was generally supportive of this idea.
- Skatepark construction expected to be complete at the end of September.
- Commissioner Badger reviewed a tree replacement plan he has been working on with staff. Work will be split between Fall 2018 and Spring 2019.

2019 Blue House Run

Motion by Urbanski and 2nd by Krick to waive the park reservation fee and approve the use of Pine Valley Park for the 2019 Blue House Orphanage Run, motion carried 6-0.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting to be held Monday, October 1, 2018 at City Hall.

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

Secretary