

Regular Meeting.  
Parks Commission October 1, 2018 - 4:30 p.m.  
City Hall

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

Absent: J. Badger

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

Others: Ruth Reeves, P. Marciniak, K. Ripp,

## **MINUTES**

The minutes of the September 10, 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**

- Pat Marciniak of the Cloquet Ski Club addressed the Commission regarding several lights out at Pine Valley and the possibility of the club assisting with grooming. Les Peterson stated that staff can usually groom during regular business hours, but it may be possible that older unused equipment may be loaned to the club. He will check it out.
- Ruth Reeves of Community Education reports that the September payroll has just been completed and with that information the final report for The Beach will be presented at the next meeting. Overall it was a good and safe year. Fall Fest is scheduled at Churchill School on October 7, 2018 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. It is geared toward preschool age children, but all are welcome. She will be discussing the possibility of another Holiday Hustle Run with the Members Cooperative Credit Union. Approximately four (4) dozen pairs of skates have been donated for use on Dunlap as a lending program, the folks at the hockey arena will sharpen them. All of the after school and adult programs are going well.
- Commissioner Krick reports that he walked the Dunlap park, and noted that there is quite a bit of vegetation between the park and the river bank. He questioned the trenching he saw, staff reports that drain tile has been added and the area will grow in. Lastly, he said there may be a person camping along the river rather than in the campground. Staff advised him to call the police rather than investigate on his own.
- Commissioner Fryc checked out the Dunlop Park, he spoke with a mom from the Striders Club while onsite and asked about their impressions and safety concerns. He was told they love the park and see no problem with possible access to the river. He noted that during a tournament at Braun Field one of the scoreboards was not working. Staff said all six will be replaced by next spring. They are all obsolete and nobody works on them anymore.
- Commissioner Krohn stated the expanse of vegetation between the walkway and the river at Dunlap Park is a deterrent to children. He noted one piece of playground equipment needs repair

and the grass needs some work. Staff states that the City is still working with the contractor on some landscaping issues, we won't take ownership of the landscaping until the issues are resolved. Secondly, he noted that some plastic fencing in Pine Valley was moved. It was moved to stop ATV traffic off of Spring Lake Road. Lastly, he informed staff that a volunteer group left bags of collected trash at the north end of Chestnut Street for pick-up.

- Commissioner Urbanski states that new stickers for the mountain bike trail signs are coming soon, also he asked about an archway or other marker to delineate the new bike trail. Staff is working on an arch composed of used mountain bikes.
- b. City Staff Report**
  - Caleb Peterson requested direction from the commissioners regarding the policy of limiting public comments. After discussion the Commission directions state that limits should be up to three (3) minutes per person and up to ten (10) minutes per topic. The total time for all public comments will be limited to thirty (30) minutes. Persons with concerns who need more time will be asked to formulate a presentation and request time on the agenda at a future meeting. The Commission should not make on the spot decisions but have time to consider all requests and concerns.
  - Caleb Peterson states the official opening of the Skate park will be Sunday October 14, 2018 at noon. Although not officially open there has been a lot of activity and use already. Commission comments include the need for garbage cans, not many helmets on the skateboarders where seen, training will be required for the users, and so far the kids seem to be respectful. It was also noted there have been adults watching the users as well. These comments will be shared with the user group. It remains to be seen if the self-policing policy will work. Les Peterson added that the cameras are up. Commissioner Fryc asked if it would be beneficial to have a webcam added to the City website. Caleb Peterson states that the current website is not sufficient, but the new website might be, and he will investigate the possibility.
  - Les Peterson presented the recent maintenance activities which include finishing up at the pond with the two slides being removed this week and sent for yearly maintenance. Most of the park irrigations systems have been winterized. Some trees are coming this week for Fauley, Hilltop and Churchill parks. In two weeks the campground will close, and we will be advertising for two new camp-hosts. We will also be advertising for Warming House Attendants.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting to be held Monday, November 5, 2018 at City Hall.

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

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Secretary