

Regular Meeting.
Parks Commission January 07, 2019 - 4:30 p.m.
City Hall

Present: T. Krohn, C. Martinson, M. Krick, T. Urbanski, J. Badger,
Absent: J. Fryc, J. Anderson
Staff: C. Peterson, T. Johnson, K. Stedman, A. Chalberg, L. Anderson
Others: R. Reeves, K. Kolodge, K. Cotner, L. Barto, P. Marciniak, K. Ripp

MINUTES

The minutes of the December 3, 2018 regular meeting were presented. Motion by Urbanski and 2nd by Krick to approve, motion carried 4-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Caleb Peterson reported that new Commissioner Joel Anderson was approved by Council and Councilor Kerry Kolodge will be the new Council representative.

Ruth Reeves introduced Kayla Cotner from Community Education and presented her with a 10 Years of Service Certificate.

COMMISSIONERS UPDATE / PUBLIC COMMENTS

Pat Marciniak from the Cloquet Ski Club spoke regarding grooming the ski trails. He states that the Kids Club has 90 kids and there are 100 kids from the high school so there is a lot of usage. The Park Department does a great job, and the club is looking for a way to assist with grooming. Often times it has to wait until the plowing is done, and then the snow is not ideal for grooming. Lengthy discussion regarding non-employees working on City property, usage of City equipment and liability ensued. Caleb Peterson will look into the feasibility of the assistance from the Cloquet Ski Club and report back. Discussion regarding additional Park Department staffing was also presented as a future potential solution. Lastly, Commissioner Krohn stated he uses and appreciates Pine Valley. He noted grooming on other trails he uses is done early in the morning before the public gets onto them. In Pine Valley additional signage would be helpful to make the walking trails versus ski trails more obvious. Commissioner Urbanski will create some temporary signs.

Ken Ripp from the Cloquet Ski Club asked that the tubing hill be closed on Saturday January 12, 2019 to accommodate a large Nordic Combined Group that the club was asked to host. Ruth Reeves from Community Ed agreed and noted that with the current icy conditions the tubing hill will likely be closed anyhow and may not open on Sunday.

Commissioner Krohn noted the following:

- A volunteer organization has been created to raise funds to extend the mountain bike trail to the originally planned 5 miles. The group is planning a fund raiser to create community awareness which will be held on March 2, 2019. The group is requesting a waiver of the rental fee.
Motion by Urbanski and 2nd by Krick to waive the Chalet Rental fee for the Frozen Forester Event, motion carried 5-0.
- Bow hunting near the trails in Pine Valley has been an on-going issue. After discussion Caleb Peterson will request an update on the map provided by the Police Department. The Parks Commission suggests that the upper 2/3 of Zone C (which includes some City property) be changed to a no hunting zone. In addition a request to move the boundary for rifle hunting will be made.

COMMUNITY ED REPORT

Ruth Reeves introduce Linnea Barto from the after-school programs. Linnea shared the numbers of students and the numbers of activities provided by Community Ed via a power point presentation.

CITY STAFF REPORT

Caleb Peterson introduced Tim Johnson as the new Assistant Public Works Director and explained the re-organization the City has implemented in the Public Works Department.

ACTION ITEMS

2019 OFFICERS

Motion by Urbanski, 2nd by Martinson, to appoint Commissioner Badger as chairperson and Commissioner Anderson as vice-chair of the Park Commission in 2019. Motion Carried, 5-0

The next meeting to be held Monday February 4, 2019 - 4:30 p.m. at City Hall

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

Secretary