

Regular Meeting.
Parks Commission April 1, 2019 - 4:30 p.m.
City Hall

Present: T. Krohn, C. Martinson, J. Badger, M. Krick
Absent: J. Fryc, J. Anderson, T. Urbanski
Staff: C. Peterson, K. Stedman, A. Chalberg, L. Anderson
Others: R. Reeves, K. Kolodge, K. Williams

MINUTES

The minutes of the February 4, 2019 regular meeting were presented. Motion by Martinson and 2nd by Krick to approve, motion carried 4-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

COMMISSIONERS UPDATE / PUBLIC COMMENTS

Commissioner Krohn presented an update on the fund raising for the Mountain Bike Trail extension. A Minnesota Coastal Grant has been obtained for up to \$62,500 by creating matching funds. Currently the group working on this is, approximately \$46,000 short. Another application for a separate grant will be submitted soon. This one requires connections to state trails, which via the 14th Street bike lane and the connection through Carlton to the Munger Trail may qualify. Discussion continued regarding other funding sources for the second half of the trail. In addition, Karen Williams from the local bike group expressed the interest that she's heard from other biking organizations. She stated that the Pine Valley Trail is quite safe and rideable during wet weather, whereas many Duluth trails close during wet weather. The Pine Valley venue could be a potential location for time trials and other smaller events. It's such a positive addition to the biking community, not only local but regional. Staff continued discussion regarding winter uses, at this time, the Park Department has only had increased duties in Pine Valley with signage, but eventually there will be tree trimming and other activities to keep the trail in good shape. Commissioner Krohn thanked Karin and Andy for their efforts in learning the grooming tasks this past winter. Commissioners and staff consensus is that the park improvement may serve as a boost for economic development as well as serve the residents of the City.

COMMUNITY ED REPORT

R. Reeves reports that the Easter Egg Hunt at Pine Valley is scheduled for Saturday, April 20th this year. Preparations for summer are underway at The Beach to include life guard training and purchases for new concession stand equipment. New this year will be an event at the skatepark on Friday July 26th from noon to 2:00. This will be called the Skater Neighbor Party and will be open for all public. 3rd Lair from the Cities will be hosting skate clinics. Youth outreach programs by the American Lung Association, Young Life, and the Public Library will also participate. Sarah Buhs from the CAFD will provide helmet safety info. Boldt will sponsor part of the event and may serve hotdogs. Swimming lessons are starting this week, and The Beach swim passes are already on sale. More lifeguards are needed.

CITY STAFF REPORT

Staff reported that the new pickle ball nets have arrived and a contractor for striping the court is needed. One whole tennis court at Churchill will be converted into four pickle ball courts. The score boards for Braun Park are ready to be installed. Discussion is needed with the baseball association regarding getting the concession stand ready to obtain the Health Department license. The kids have been cleaning off the skatepark and there was a request for lighting. At this time, there is no plan for lighting and the park closes at dusk as originally planned. Park maintenance crews are short handed but are working on getting ready for baseball season. There was some weather related damage to the scoreboard at Athletic park.

ACTION ITEMS

- a. Staff provided the budget report provided by the 2019 CYSBA (Cloquet Youth Softball Association). After discussion about the history of the agreement and current increases, the Commission was satisfied.

Motion by Krick and 2nd by Krohn to accept the 2019 CYSBA Budget, motion carried 4-0.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting to be held Monday May 6, 2019 - 4:30 p.m. location to be determined.

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

Secretary