

Regular Meeting.
Parks Commission July 1, 2019 - 4:30 p.m.
Athletic Park

Present: C. Martinson, J. Fryc, M. Krick, T. Krohn, T. Urbanski
Absent: J. Anderson, J. Badger
Staff: C. Peterson, K. Stedman, A. Chalberg, L. Anderson,
Others: K. Kolodge, A. Wojciehowski, L. Gorski, P. Nordvall, L. Baker, K. Cosgriff, T. Pyrlik, J. Krohn

MINUTES

The minutes of the June 3, 2019 regular meeting were presented. Motion by Krick and 2nd by Krohn to approve, motion carried 4-0.

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS

Commissioner Krohn wanted to add Mountain Bike Trail fundraising updates.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

SKATEPARK OPERATIONS:

The Planning Commission asked neighbors and skate park users to attend the meeting to share their observations and concerns. Some concerns include fighting, bullying, older skaters telling younger inexperienced skaters to get out, trash, skaters using trash cans as jumps, injuries, lack of protective gear and parking in the no-parking zone on Prospect Avenue. Staff added that future plans include angled parking along the north side of Prospect Avenue. Positive comments include the camaraderie among the skaters, some of the original core group helping to stop bullying, some skaters picking up the trash, sharing water, and just being kind. Staff advised reporting anonymously, using Nixle, if there are problems, and will consider more signage for that. Requests included some adult supervision, requiring fees for future upkeep, lighting, a water fountain and lastly perhaps a specific time be set aside for just younger skaters. Staff responded saying the park was set up to be just a daylight park. Lighting wasn't budgeted for at this time. Other requests would be considered at a later date. Commissioner Martinson handed out quite a few flyers for this meeting and would have liked to see more of the skaters involved in this discussion. His request to the group was to tell the kids that we are listening, we want to be aware of any concerns or questions.

COMMISSIONERS UPDATE / PUBLIC COMMENTS

Commissioner Krohn discussed the fundraising for Pine Valley Trail Phase II. He introduced Mr. J. Krohn who brought a \$1500 donation from Sappi. In addition the Hospital has donated \$300 and there were 2 more private donations. There is a fundraising event on August 11th at Pine Valley. The Grant will match the funds raised up to \$62,500. Commission Kolodge asked if there would be a way for the City to provide funds to ensure the whole match is met, Staff will investigate.

CITY STAFF REPORT

PICKLE BALL COURTS: C. Peterson reports the Pickle Ball courts are almost done, the windscreens need to be tied again as they broke during the last heavy wind storm. He has received lots of positive comments already.

CIP/BUDGET REVIEW: The highlights were reviewed and the report will go to the City Council next month.

MAINTENANCE: Staff has been busy getting ready for the 4th of July Celebration. The pond keep-fill sensor went out so with all the rain it was quite high. It has been resolved.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting to be held Monday August 5th - 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