

Regular Meeting.

Parks Commission September 9, 2019 - 4:30 p.m.

Pine Valley

Present: J. Anderson, C. Martinson, J. Fryc, T. Krohn, T. Urbanski

Absent: J. Badger,, M. Krick

Staff: C. Peterson, T, Johnson, K. Stedman, A. Chalberg

Others: J. Ochis

MINUTES

The minutes of the August 5, 2019 regular meeting were presented. Motion by Martinson and 2nd by Fryc to approve, motion carried 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jessica Ochis from the Blue Line Club requested the Commission continue to authorize the reservation of 20 park stalls at Northwoods Arena for Boys Hockey Games as part of their fundraising activities. Staff presented a short history and noted no operations issues.

Motion by Fryc and 2nd by Krohn to authorize the continued reservation of parking stall by the Blue Line Club per the previous agreement, motion carried 4-0.

CITY STAFF REPORT

CIP/BUDGET REVIEW: The park director position continues to be an item of discussion as Council considers adoption of the preliminary tax levy next week. Staff will be presenting a lower cost alternative for Council consideration which includes the addition of one permanent part-time maintenance person. The Council has several other issues to consider which would raise the levy so this may be a viable short-term solution.

PHASE II BIKE TRAIL UPDATE: Bid results were presented by staff. The low bid was \$40,000 under the estimate lowering the City's share to approximately \$18,000. \$40,000 in City matching funds was included in the 2019 budget. Commissioner Krohn inquired about the possibility of adding additional trail features or loops with any excess funds.

Commissioner Krohn noted Potlatch continues to sell its land holdings in the region. The City had previously inquired about acquiring some property along the north riverfront with no response. Question was raised if it would be wise to reach out again about a possible donation.

ACTION ITEMS

- a. Staff provided a review of the current agreement with the Cloquet Ski Club which requires renewal prior to the 2019-2020 season. Discussion was held regarding general housekeeping at maintenance of the jump areas. Staff directed to add language regarding these expectations under Section 7.
- b. The Commission also expressed support for removal of old archery club property which is currently stored in a storage container in the Park and has not been used in at least two years. Staff to relocate the storage container to the Public Works garage and attempt to notify the appropriate contact with the Club.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting to be held Monday October 7th - 4:30 p.m. at City Hall.

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

Secretary