

# CLOQUET PARKS COMMISSION AGENDA

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**Web Meeting**  
**Monday, November 2, 2020 4:30 p.m.**

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## **ACTION TAKEN**

1. **Call to Order.**
2. **Approval of Minutes.**

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  - a. September 14, 2020, Regular Commission Meeting.  
*(Additions, deletions, or corrections)*
3. **Announcements, Agenda Adjustments, Correspondence, and Other Comments.**
4. **Information and Reports.**

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  - a. Commissioners Update/Other.
    - Recommendation for Pine Valley Trail Names
    - Public Comments.  
*Please give your name, and address. Visitors may share concerns on any issue, which is not already on the agenda. Each person will have 3 minutes to speak. The Chair reserves the right to limit an individual's presentation if it becomes redundant, repetitive, irrelevant, or overly argumentative. All comments will be taken under advisement by the Commission. No action will be taken at this time. Public Comments will be limited to 10 minutes per topic or 30 minutes total. The Commission may request an item be placed on a future agenda for further discussion as part of the regular meeting.*
    - Commissioner Comments/Updates.
  - b. Community Ed Report –Ruth
  - c. City Staff Report – Caleb
    - Pine Valley Requests
      - Snowboarding
      - Ski Club Tow Rope Use
      - Winter Grooming Expectations
    - Maintenance Activities
5. **Future Items.**
  - Next Meeting (**Monday, January 4, 2021** – Web Meeting)
6. **Adjourn.**

Regular Meeting.  
Parks Commission September 14, 2020 - 4:30 p.m.  
City Hall

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

### **MINUTES**

The minutes of the March 2, 2020 regular meeting were presented. Motion by J. Fryc and 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Krick to approve, motion carried 6-0.

### **AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS**

A tax referendum discussion will be added to the City Staff Report.

### **COMMUNITY ED**

R. Reeves' reports that over the summer they never shut down, it was just slow and steady with the Covid restrictions in place. Now they are in Fall mode with indoor pool, after school enrichment activities and youth volleyball starting soon. All events will be smaller and with more restrictions due to Covid-19. Park rentals were busy and are now coming to an end; this winter the Senior Center will not be available for rentals. The indoor pool is down waiting for an exhaust system repair. The Beach House was vandalized. Staff added that there is an ongoing investigation and discussion regarding security cameras ensued. Community Education is looking forward to next spring and summer without restrictions.

### **COMMISSIONERS UPDATE**

Commissioner Krohn notes that recently he asked some students on skateboards to vacate the tennis courts in Pinehurst Park. He noted that City Code states no games shall be played on the tennis courts other than tennis and perhaps now pickle ball should be added. He also met J.Nemmers in Pine Valley who was cleaning-up and invited him to attend the meeting to discuss snowboarding in the par. J.Nemmers shared his vision and will meet with commission members to point out the areas the snowboard group would like to use. . Lastly, he saw that the life-savers box down by the river in Spafford is totally empty of lifejackets. Commissioner Badger commented on all the garbage the parks are getting this year. Braun Park is often overflowing, and he will contact a member of the Baseball Association. City staff has had to increase pick-up by four times.

### **CITY STAFF REPORT**

Staff states that the City Administrator would like the Parks Commission to consider a sales tax referendum. The rules have changed and the projects eligible for tax money must be of regional significance. Areas to consider are the ski jumps, the chalet and adding more trails. Commissioner Urbanski states other areas include a 5<sup>th</sup> field at Hilltop and possible indoor space at Braun Park. Commissioner Krohn volunteered to work on a Master Plan. Staff asks for ideas and discussion regarding all the park signage. There are a variety of colors and types and now is the time to create a more cohesive and thoughtful plan. Identification of the parks and additional wayfinding signs should be added, primarily in Pine Valley. Walking, biking and ski trails should be marked so visitors know the use of each trail. Numbers and/or letters can be added to the trail maps for determining exactly where a person is. K. Stedman and A. Chalberg provided info on the condition of some of the existing signs, especially the wooden ones. Lastly Staff shared the numbers from last years warming house usage. Warming houses at Athletic Park and Pinehurst are used much less than those at Sunnyside and Dunlap Island. In addition, a new furnace is needed at Athletic Park. A hybrid plan may be the most feasible with the two lesser used warming houses closed, the ice still maintained, with benches and a porta-potty available. The other two will be staffed and open as usual with directions for users to maintain the current Covid-19 mandates. Staff will bring this to the council for consideration.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

The 2021 Park Budget and Park CIP were discussed.

Motion by Urbanski and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Martinson to recommend approval of the 2021 Park Fund Operating Budget and the 2021-2025 Park CIP. Motion carried 6-0.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting to be held Monday November 2, 2020 - 4:30 p.m. at City Hall.

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

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Secretary

## Caleb Peterson

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**From:** hlatikulu@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, October 19, 2020 10:11 PM  
**To:** angell.chelsey@gmail.com; brmenze0603@gmail.com; turbanski63@msn.com; Caleb Peterson; Jenngist@gmail.com; Ajerde22@gmail.com; spbludog@hotmail.com; Lpeterson11@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Trail naming meeting

Hi all

It was fun meeting with you all in the cool light snow to talk about Pine Valley and the single track trails and their potential names.

Here are the notes from our discussion:

- 1) A bit of history about Pine Valley, the Cloquet parks, and their future - regional park designation and funding.
- 2) Suggested trail names - combining lists from the Cloquet Wednesday Adventure Women and Milltown Milers
  - a) Lower green loop - Little Logger - to be inviting to families with small children
  - b) Climb up esker - Spring Board - a board that is stuck in a tree for a logger to stand on while cutting the tree down
  - c) Blue loop on top of esker - Trail of 10,000 rocks - a play on MN's motto of land of 10,000 lakes
  - d) Trail going down off esker - Boom Run
  - e) Black loop on top of esker - Flying Squirrel - bikers will go flying over the jumps
  - f) Blue climb on kame - Chisel Grind - just a fun name
  - g) Green spur trail down to start - Bootlegger - to honor guys who built the bootleg trail already there
  - h) Ski jump trail back down to start - Timber Twister, Twisting Timbers (suggested via email after meeting) - goes thru tall timber and has many turns on its lower end
  - j) Black loop on kame - Two Timbers or Splitting Timbers (suggested via email after meeting) - as this trail has two parts - easy (flat) and hard and the volunteer trail may split off of this trail.
  - k) Volunteer trail - not named

Names will be presented to the city for consideration.

### 3) Other items of discussion

- a) Consider incorporating Ojibway names.
- b) Have a bike wrench station
- c) Have a change area
- d) Have a bike rack
- e) Better signage is needed pointing the way to the start, out at the entrance, and out on Hwy 33
- f) Get the trail with names out on the Internet sites
- g) Check the brown signs on top of the esker where the new black trail turns right, as they are confusing
- h) The Frozen Forester lives. There is excitement for a winter bike, ski, snowshoe/run event. Planning needs to start soon.

Tim

PS The kame is the geological name for the hill with the ski jump and esker is the geological name for the hill in back of the ski jump hill.