

Regular Meeting.  
Parks Commission February 1, 2021 - 4:30 p.m.  
City Hall

Present: C. Martinson, T. Krohn, T. Urbanski, J. Badger, J. Fryc, J. Anderson  
Absent: M. Krick  
Staff: C. Peterson, K. Stedman, L. Anderson, R. Biebl  
Others: E. Bates, K. Kolodge, A. Jerde, S. Buhs, B. Menze, J. Hutchinson

### **MINUTES**

The minutes of the November 2, 2020 regular meeting were presented. Motion by J. Anderson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by T. Krohn to approve, motion carried 4-0.

### **COMMISSIONERS UPDATE/OTHER**

Joshua Hutchinson presented his Eagle Scout Project. He will be building and placing park benches for the new single track trail at Pine Valley.

#### Public Comments:

A. Jerde said she had hoped there would be new faces in the Commission, and she wanted to discuss the naming of the trails. Staff advised that this was further down on the agenda.

### **COMMUNITY ED**

Staff introduced the new Director of Community Ed, Erin Bates.

### **CITY STAFF REPORT**

Staff provided a copy of the Bylaws to remind the group of the goals and calling for the Commission. Also, Boldt Co. is interested in sponsoring a clean-up day in and around Spafford Park and the river front, on or close to Earth Day. Due to the virtual meeting format, the joint Council and Park Commission meeting will be not be held in person. Two Commission members are asked to represent the group, Tim Krohn and Tom Urbanski volunteered. Staff discussed the Pinehurst and the Braun Park updates, Pinehurst Park will proceed this year and Braun Park in 2022. The recommendation will be that an RFP for new playground equipment be brought to the Council on February 2, 2021 for approval. Next on the agenda were the Pine Valley updates to include a new trail proposal to avoid varied uses crossing paths. There was a closure of one section of the Red Trail that crossed under the jump due to concerns of potential issues. A lengthy discussion ensued and the potential for new trails next year. The ski club also requested an additional rope tow which is not in the lease at this time. Additionally, more signage is needed for the various users. Staff admits there are growing pains as the park use is diversifying, and hopes are this will be worked out in the Master Plan. The naming of the trails will assist in way-finding and a suggested list was provided. The list includes older common names that are used now and some newly suggested names. A. Jerde inquired as to who votes on the final names and Staff said ultimately the council will vote. It was suggested that if any of the other user groups have strong feelings about a name they should come forward by the next meeting as the completion of naming and the ordering of signs will be done this spring.

#### Maintenance:

K. Stedman reports that the skating ribbon is finally in good shape due to all the cold weather. They have had a lot of positive comments about the fire ring as parents use it while kids are playing. Also, the Parks Facebook Page is used primarily for updates on maintenance. T. Krohn asked to also promote the Frozen Forester event on the page.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

- a. The Commission approved the Community Education Agreement.
- b. The Chair and Vice Chair positions for 2021 were addressed. C. Martinson as Chair and J. Fryc as Vice-Chair are next in the rotation. T. Urbanski moved to accept these two appointments and J. Badger was a 2<sup>nd</sup>. (Motion approved 6-0)

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting to be held in April 5, 2021 - 4:30 p.m. as a web meeting.

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

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Secretary