

Regular Meeting.
Parks Commission April 5, 2021 - 4:30 p.m.
City Hall

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

MINUTES

The minutes of the February 1, 2021 regular meeting were presented. Motion by J. Badger and 2nd by J. Fryc to approve, motion carried 5-0.

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS

Staff added a Honey Bee Event request by Oldenburg Arts & Cultural Community.

COMMUNITY ED

E. Bates reports that the Spring/Summer Cloquet Lumberlog is out and they are taking reservations for classes. The Easter Egg Hunt at Pine Valley was cancelled, instead they sponsored a coloring contest. They are also selling season passes to the Beach due to the increase in numbers allowed for gathering, opening is June 14th. Recreation and Enrichment are now a blended position due to personnel changes and there will be a virtual run/walk challenge of 100 miles in 3 months.

CITY STAFF REPORT

Staff disclosed the Trail Logic cost estimate of \$14,300 for the connector trail to bypass the ski-jump. The hope is there is room to negotiate. Additionally, a current grant application and other fund- raising efforts will help. The Commission agrees this can go to the council, with the hopes for a better price after negotiation. T. Krohn stated the Friend of Cloquet Parks has funds as well. Secondly staff stated that before going to council one last trail naming meeting will be held at the Chalet on April 16th at 3:00 p.m. to gather the last of the comments and suggestions. Although Covid Restrictions are still in place, the plan is to open City Hall around the first of May and hopefully we will be able to conduct in-person meetings. The Spafford Campground is opening May 17th. A proposal from the Oldenburg Arts and Cultural Community to hold a Honey-Bee Festival on Dunlap Island mid-August was received. Staff recommends due to the adult only nature with sales of alcohol the event be held outside of the Dunlap Park. Youth events would be more appropriate for the Park.

Maintenance:

Staff reports an April 27-28 river-front cleanup event seems to have quite a few participants. K. Stedman asked for input on the two-color choices for the playground equipment, blue/red/white was the consensus. Lastly regular spring clean-up work is going on.

ACTION ITEMS

- a. The Pine Valley Master Plan Proposal from Short Elliot Hendrickson was discussed. T. Krohn moved to award the proposal from Short Elliot Hendrickson for the completion of a Master Plan for the Pine Valley Park in the amount of \$24,500, C. Martinson seconded. (Motion carried 5-0)
- b. Three proposals for the Braun Park playground equipment were evaluated. T. Krohn moved to recommend the purchase of playground equipment for Braun Park from Miracle Recreation (Option 1-A) in the amount of \$45,000, C. Martinson seconded. (Motion carried 5-0)
- c. A park fee waiver request from the Cloquet Educational Foundation was received and discussed. J. Fryc moved to deny the Cloquet Educational Foundation fee waiver on the ground of past practice for similar events, M. seconded. (Motion carried 4-0, Krohn abstained)

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting to be held May 3, 2021 - 4:30 p.m. (format of meeting to be determined).

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

Secretary