



Approved

Park Commission

**Regular Meeting
August 10, 2023
Minutes**

Guests:

Absent:

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30pm

1. Commissioner Lydon called the meeting to order.

1a. Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

1b. Roll Call

Commissioners in attendance were Dan Lydon, Julie Kochevar, Bill Mack, Kaylen Olinger, and Dan Charpentier. Park Superintendent Doris Zacho and Council Liaison Nikki Battles were in attendance.

2. APPROVE AGENDA: August 10, 2023.

Commissioner Lydon asked if there were any additions to the July 13th agenda. Commissioner Mack made a motion to approve the agenda; Commissioner Olinger seconded; all ayes the motion was approved.

3. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA: July 13, 2023.

Commissioner Olinger made a motion to approve the consent agenda for July 13, 2023. Commissioner Kochevar seconded; all ayes the motion was approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

5. COMMUNICATIONS, REPORTS AND PETITION

5a. City Council Liaison Report

Council Liaison Battles gave an update on city council items concerning the parks. The last meeting was July 25th, she stated that the park commission will stay at the 7 members as requested with the council liaisons having the ability to vote if there is not a quorum. The commission can also accept youth members.

5b. Parks Superintendent Report

Superintendent Zacho gave in update to commission, she has met with the county officials, she brought up areas of concern regarding the funding to other cities for trailhead fees and parking lots. The maintenance on trails is another issue that was discussed, it is great for the county to get funding for the trails, but the cities are required to take care of the maintenance. Lydon asked about any funds that can be designated to trails.

Zacho was contacted by Gloria West about the cancellation of the triathlon. She is upset with the decision and has been contacting her via email. She has received many emails from others supporting and understanding the decision that was made for the sake of the park.

Zacho had a finance meeting to discuss the parks budget items. Items she would like to see budgeted for are a new dock for Lahns Landing, funding for Rotary Parks path to the lake, and Chuckie Lundquist improvements. Along with a tree and reforestation Plan for Paradise and Moberg.

Cameras for security in the parks were delivered and will be installed this summer. Hopefully this will help with vandalism.

Zacho is looking into forestry grants through the DNR for Ojiketa. Battles asked if the city could accept donations from a nonprofit for park and trail use. Lydon inquired about the new ice rink boards that were purchased. Zacho will have the boards installed this October.

6. PUBLIC HEARING

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8a. 2023 Priority List

1. Ojiketa Concept Plan NE Side of Park-Bike/Walking Path into Park, and Demo and Removal of Building.

Zacho is working with another company to give her a quote on the building removal. The city was awarded grant money for the path into the park, additional trail funds will need to be used to complete the project.

2. Rotary Park Access Path to Lake/Overlook-Proposal

Rotary will need to discuss with the city which grants each would want to apply for. There are two separate projects with the path construction and the deck overlook area. Mack discussed how the rotary grants work and the approval process. Zacho can give a better number of what the city can contribute once the budget is approved.

3. Girl Scout Projects-Silver Awards

The Chuckie Lundquist Park project is still in the works.

4. Bike Loops

Mallory is still working on mapping. Mack discussed what Lindstrom is looking at doing on the westbound side of Highway 8 for the bike path.

5. Reforestation and Channel work Paradise Park

Lydon spoke with Ben from the Lake Improvement District; he would like to meet with the park commission and discuss the scope of work that need to be done. Commission discussed the water trail and the hopes the LID/County would take on the trail. Lydon mentioned bringing up the water trail at the Tri-City meeting this winter.

6. Lake Ave Access-Paddle Club

Mack spoke with Casey Thiel the Water Resource Specialist for the Chisago Soil and Water Conservation District. He will meet with her in September to discuss a plan. Lake Ave. in the winter is used as an access for vehicles and snowmobiles to get on the ice and is usually plowed by residents. Zacho would like to see the Lake Avenue be an access for both summer and winter use. Commission discussed the runoff into the lake and ways to prevent it. Kochevar mentioned looking into what the DNR does at their boat launches to prevent run off and if that can be utilized at the Lake Ave. Access point.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9a. Ki-Chi-Saga Days Schedule

With the lack of commissioners able to work the booth, Zacho will not have one set up at Ki-Chi-Saga days. She mentioned that Donna Colberg is the Grand Marshal, and the Volunteers of the Year are the Community Meals program.

10. ADJOURN

Commissioner Mack made a motion to adjourn; Commissioner Charpentier seconded; the meeting unanimously adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
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