



APPROVED

Park Commission

**Regular Meeting
February 13, 2025
Minutes**

Guests:

Absent: Dan Charpentier, Bill Mack, Nate Stackhouse

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30pm

1. Commissioner Olinger called the meeting to order.
 - 1a. **Pledge of Allegiance**
Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
 - 1b. **Roll Call**
Commissioners in attendance; Kaylen Olinger, Dan Lydon, Julie Kochevar and MaryJo Wiatrak, Council Liaison Mark Anderson and Parks Superintendent Doris Zacho were present.
2. **APPROVE AGENDA: February 13, 2025.**
Commissioner Olinger asked if there were any additions to the February 13th agenda. Commissioner Kochevar made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Lydon seconded; all ayes the motion was approved.
3. **APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA: January 9, 2025.**
Commissioner Olinger made a motion to approve the consent agenda for January 9, 2025; Commissioner Kochevar seconded; all ayes the motion was approved.
4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
5. **COMMUNICATIONS, REPORTS AND PETITION**
 - 5a. **City Council Liaison Report- Mark Anderson**
There was a workshop held on January 28th to discuss Karmel Ave. and Liberty Lane. Council discussed the Highway 8 project to coincide with work to be done on Liberty Lane and Karmel Ave. along with the back up traffic during pick-up and drop-off at Lakeside School.

5b. Parks Superintendent Report

Superintendent Zacho stated that all the bookings are done for Ki-Chi-Saga days. The music headliners are Mojo Monks, and Jonah and the Wales, along with local artists filling in. The vendor forms were sent out, and are starting to come in. Zacho is constructing new information binders for all the cabins, they will have information regarding the park and local establishments for restaurants, bars, shopping and general community information. Movie night for Celebration of the Lakes was a success with over 80 people attending. The Green Lake Association would like to purchase and store a dock with a platform out at Ojiketa. The reason for this request is because they hold the event Music on the Water each year. They have agreed to let the park use the dock as a fishing pier while it is not in use for the event.

The RFPs were submitted for the park mowing maintenance, Zacho and Administrator Pechman will be discussing them. They will be awarded at the February 25th City Council meeting. The Holistic Expo at Strom Hall will be on May 17th. It will include vendors, speakers, and demonstrators. April 12th will be the Easter Egg hunt at Paradise Park. Zacho spoke with a representative from the Chisago Lakes Ambassadors, they are interested in helping with the Rotary Park peace project and trail, she will get them in touch with a Rotary representative. The new trail signage for the ATV ordinance was ordered and will be installed.

6. PUBLIC HEARING

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8a. 2025 Priority List

1. Ojiketa Park:

There will be new roofs installed on some of the cabins. The new trail down Old Towne Rd into the old entrance of the park will be completed this year. Zacho would like the commission to discuss and think about the look of the trail ending and come up with a concept plan for it. The floor in Sugar Maple and Red Oak is being replaced. The front porch of White Pine needs to be fixed up and some appliances need to be replaced. Zacho is working with the state and DNR for grants, there is an issue with the regional park status that needs to be cleared up so that application for grants can be made.

2. Rotary Park: Peace Trail and Poles

3. Chuckie Lundquist: Parking Lot Resurface and Updates

The parking lot will be resurfaced this year. Zacho is looking for an additional storage building for the park, there is a need for equipment storage. The warming house needs an update and new doors installed.

4. Water Tower Park: Bike Pump Track and Skills Park-BMX

Zacho is researching options for the site. She is looking at the topography and elevation maps of the area. She would like this project to move forward quickly and get feedback from some BMX bike groups or community groups. She doesn't want this to be years in the making and would like to see something done soon. Olinger asked about the length of the trail. The trail cost could be used out of park dedication fees. Any research on this subject would be appreciated.

5. Old Towne Trail Extension

Things are moving forward, Zacho showed commission where the trail will be and the ending point at the old entrance to Ojiketa Park. The completion timeline will be by the end of June. At the next meeting bring some ideas for the end of the trail, Zacho doesn't want it to look like a parking lot, she wants it inviting for the bikers and walkers. Items such as a kiosk, signage, bike racks, benches and ideas.

6. Lake Ave. Access

9. NEW BUSINESS

10. ADJOURN

Commissioner Wiatrak made a motion to adjourn; Commissioner Lydon seconded; the meeting unanimously adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
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