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Park Commission

Regular Meeting July 10, 2025 Minutes

Guests:

Absent: Dan Lydon, Julie Kochevar, Dan Charpentier

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, MaryJo Wiatrak, Nate Stackhouse, and Bill Mack. Council Liaison Mark Anderson and Parks Superintendent Doris Zacho were present.
2. **APPROVE AGENDA: July 10, 2025.**
Commissioner Olinger asked if there were any additions to the July 10th agenda. Commissioner Mack made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Stackhouse seconded; all ayes the motion was approved.
3. **APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA: June 12, 2025.**
Commissioner Olinger asked if there were any corrections or additions to the consent agenda for June 12, 2025; Commissioner Olinger made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Anderson seconded; all ayes the motion was approved.
4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
5. **COMMUNICATIONS, REPORTS AND PETITION**
 - 5a. **City Council Liaison Report- Mark Anderson**
City Council met to have a regular meeting on June 24th. The new city logo is in the design stage; a graphic designer has been hired to help with the process. MnDOT is in the design phase of Highway 8 from Chisago City to Taylors Falls, they will be holding workshops to collect public comments. A final draft of the

design will be presented this fall. This is a 2032 project. There was a variance and design review approved for an addition at Brinks Market. Payment was approved to Dresel Contracting for the Old Towne trail extension. 27800 Kent Ct. applied for annexation to the city, and the fire department has received three new applications.

5b. Parks Superintendent Report-Doris Zacho

Zacho is still working on the city logo with the designer. She met with an Eagle Scout about a project to finish the trail at Rotary Park, he was concerned about the scope of work. There is about 650 feet of trail system that needs to be finished to end the trail at School Lake. Zacho is willing to work with him on the tree removal.

Zacho has volunteer groups from the church that are coming out next week to paint at the skate park. The Chisago County Safety Camp was held out at Ojiketa, it was a success. A company is coming out to do some Mud jacking at the skate park.

Zacho is working with the DNR on the Little Green boat landing, the boat launch is in poor condition and the boats being launched are getting caught on the dock which is causing the dock to shift and move. Minnesota Welding repaired the slides at Paradise Park. The seasonal park employees are checking the slides daily to make sure the weld has held, new mats for the bottoms of the slides were ordered as well.

Zacho also spoke with Melva, former Mayor Bob Gustafson's wife, about the dedication of a tree and memorial bench. The tree and bench will be placed at Surfland Park. Mallory is looking for volunteers to sell wristbands in the kids' area during Ki-Chi-Saga Days.

6. PUBLIC HEARING

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8a. 2025 Priority List

1. Ojiketa Park

Tamarack has had the roof replaced, the OWLLS have been replacing windows in White Pine cabin that were donated by Gregory Contracting. Evergreen will be getting replacement windows as well. The Strom basement is getting updated due to the previous water damage.

2. Chuckie Lundquist: Repairs

Zacho has ordered a new drinking fountain, trash cans, and equipment to get rainwater off the pickleball court. She is looking into some LED lighting for the park.

3. Water Tower Park: Bike Skills Park-BMX

Zacho will be receiving a quote this fall from Pathfinders, they are a Minnesota company, and she would like to continue to work with them.

4. Old Towne Trail Extension-Trail End

The trail is cleared and Zacho is putting together a concept and vision of what she wants the end to look like; she will bring it to the park commission this fall for their input.

5. Lake Ave. Access

Zacho spoke with an engineer about the project and met with JJ Mack Landscaping to look at the area. Winter ice access will stay and Frankies will maintain it.

9. NEW BUSINESS

Commission discussed their visit to Paradise Park prior to the meeting. Mack asked if there was a Reforestation plan for the park. Zacho has reached out to her contact, and he was going to get her a plan for the park this summer. Mack stated that most trees out there are Oak. The cleaning out of weir system should be completed by the Lake Improvement District.

10. ADJOURN

Commissioner Stackhouse made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Wiatrak seconded; all ayes the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Alisa Bodell
Deputy Clerk