



**Approved**

## Park Commission

Regular Meeting

June 12, 2025

Minutes

### Guests:

**Absent:** Dan Charpentier, Julie Kochevar

### 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, MaryJo Wiatrak, Nate Stackhouse, and Bill Mack. Council Liaison Mark Anderson and Parks Superintendent Doris Zacho were present.

2. **APPROVE AGENDA: June 12, 2025.**

Commissioner Olinger asked if there were any additions to the June 12th agenda. Commissioner Olinger made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Anderson seconded; all ayes the motion was approved.

3. **APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA: May 8, 2025.**

Commissioner Olinger asked if there were any corrections or additions to the consent agenda for May 8, 2025; Commissioner Olinger made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Stackhouse 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 on May 27<sup>th</sup>. There were two resolutions that were approved, the Lakes Center for youth and family addressed the council with their needs and asked the city for their and support. A IUP was approved for Lakes Area Golf Carts. They will be moving to a new facility located on Habel Lane. There were

two variances approved, one at 27930 Kent Ave. and 8925 Parkview Circle. Waste Management was given a haulers license for residential and commercial pick up. Accepted the retirement of Paula Oehme and approved Alisa Bodell as Deputy Clerk. Approved the hiring of a 30hr per week Administrative Assistant position. The new city logo design will be reviewed, and a graphic designer will help with the design phase and bring it back to council. Council approved the purchase of 5.75 acres from the Holmquists for a new industrial site.

#### **5b. Parks Superintendent Report**

Zacho gave an update on a new city logo. She spoke with staff and decided after 20 plus years of the old logo a new one was needed. A logo that staff liked was presented to council at the last meeting, the council wanted more input and would like to hire a professional. Zacho put together a committee with Council member Battles, Council member Anderson and Studio Lola the graphic designer to come up with options to present to staff and council. Wiatrak asked to see the image that was presented to council. The wrestling event for Ki-Chi-Saga days has been booked, it will take place Thursday August 14<sup>th</sup> at the Uncommon Loon. The concrete was replaced at the Moberg Park statue, and a sidewalk was installed, Zacho is having it stained and is looking to power wash and stain the brick around the statue. The concrete was added at the Stinson dock and JJ Mack landscaping will spruce up the area. There is a new contractor for the fireworks that are presented during Ki-Chi-Saga days as the previous vendor went out of business. The flowering baskets and planters are up and Zacho hired two seasonal employees.

Commissioner Lydon gave Zacho an update on the contacts he has reached out to regarding the slides at Paradise Park. Zacho also had someone give her a quote on some embankment slides. Minnesota Mobile Welding has also reached out and will look at the project.

Commissioner Mack stated that there is an oak tree that is going to be planted in memory of Mayor Bob Gustafson and asked Zacho to come up with a location where it can be planted and possibly planting it during Ki-Chi-Saga days. She thought that the Surfland baseball field would be appropriate as he enjoyed it and was passionate about the game. Commission discussed some vandalism that was done at Paradise Park.

### **6. PUBLIC HEARING**

### **7. GENERAL BUSINESS**

## **8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **8a. 2025 Priority List**

#### **1. Ojiketa Park**

Mack gave an update on the OWLLS work that is happening at the park. This year the OWLLS are replacing several of the cabin windows in White Pine and Evergreen. The other project they will be working on is the basement of Strom.

#### **2. Rotary Park: Peace Trail and Poles**

Mack is working on moving an existing bench and getting a new one installed along with some signage. The other issue being addressed is access to the water for a canoe or kayak. Mack is looking at options with the city. There will be another peace pole garden down towards the lake.

#### **3. Chuckie Lundquist: Repairs**

Zacho stated that the water fountain that is attached to the warming house is being looked at for replacement as it hasn't been working for a while. Stackhouse brought a couple of concerns about the park to the commission.

#### **4. Water Tower Park: Bike Skills Park-BMX**

#### **5. Old Towne Trail Extension-Trail End**

The trail is almost complete, Zacho picked out some boulders for the ending of the trail. The end lines up nicely to make the transition into the park, a brush cutter will be needed to clear out the area to make a definite path into the park. Lydon asked about a ribbon cutting or celebration once it is completed.

#### **6. Lake Ave. Access**

Zacho had Administrator Pechman reach out to Frankie Dusenka to discuss the use of Lake Ave. access in the winter. Frankie stated that it is a valuable access and hundreds of people use the access during the winter. If the DNR landing gets icy or heaves during the winter months the DNR will not maintain it. Frankie does his best to maintain Lake Ave. so that it can be used all winter long. Doris suggests curbing and working with Great River Greening on water drainage. Looking at the survey there is a wooded area that the city owns which could be cleaned up, a trail made and have paddle access in that area. Commission discussed the concrete pipes that are in that area, Zacho stated that engineering needs to be done to that area to determine what can and should be done. Zacho has sent all information to Great River Greening, she would like their engineers to look at all the information.

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

Commission will meet at Paradise Park at 6pm July 10<sup>th</sup> prior to the regular meeting to discuss the Chisago Lakes Triathlon.

**9. ADJOURN**

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
Alisa Bodell  
Deputy Clerk