



Park Commission

Regular Meeting
March 9, 2023
Minutes

Approved

Guests:

Absent: Dan Lydon, Joel Ericson

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

2. APPROVE AGENDA: March 9, 2023.

Commissioner Olinger asked if there were any additions to the March 9th agenda. Superintendent Zacho would like to add 7a. Funding for Lake Associations. Commissioner Kochevar made a motion to approve the agenda with additions; Commissioner Mack seconded; all ayes the motion was approved.

3. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA: January 12, 2023.

Commissioner Charpentier made a motion to approve the consent agenda for January 12, 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 the last council meeting that was held on February 28th. Council covered requirements for remote city meetings and set a date of April 26th for the Board of Review for property tax evaluations. A

request for blue and green lights to be displayed at city hall in April for organ donation awareness was granted, lights will be provided. Council approved a resolution of support for the preliminary layout of the Highway 8 project. A tobacco license at 29575 Sportsman Drive was denied.

Resolutions were approved for the orderly annexation agreement of Lent Township and for a pay equity report to be submitted to the state. The Lake Martha Overlook Preliminary Plat was accepted along with amendments to the Subdivision Ordinance regarding lot splits.

A plat extension for Nature View homes was given to Randy Kempenich. A public hearing was scheduled for March 28th for the THC Products Ordinance. A resolution was approved for a local trail connection grant to extend the existing Swedish Immigrant Trail and the Old Towne Road trail into Ojiketa Park. Council accepted the resignation of Karla Fiorella from the DMV. Council approved the 2023 Street Maintenance Program and adopted Juneteenth as a recognized holiday.

5b. Parks Superintendent Report

Superintendent Zacho gave in update to commission, Ki-Chi-Saga days mailings went out for vendors and sponsors. The Easter Egg Hunt at Paradise Park is scheduled for April 1st at 2pm. The movie night at Strom during the Celebration of the Lakes weekend was a success, Malory ran the event and did a great job, there was over 75 kids that attended. The ice rink attendants that were hired this winter are going to come back for the summer seasonal park positions. Mike is working on the new kitchen floor in Strom and the project should be completed soon. The new Strom Hall dining chairs have arrived and will be a nice new addition. There are a few boat slips left for the season at the marina. A grant application is in the works for a trail extension into Ojiketa Park.

6. PUBLIC HEARING

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7a. Lake Association Funding- Green Lake Association and Chisago Lindstrom Lake Association

Zacho asked the commission to approve funding for the following Lake Association projects. \$200.00 to Green Lake Association for the control of invasive species and \$200.00 for the Chisago Lindstrom Lake Association for the eradication of phragmites. The money will come from the Park Dedication fund.

Commissioner Mack made a motion to approve the funds to the Lake Associations; Commissioner Charpentier seconded; all ayes the motion was approved.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8a. 2023 Priority List

1. Ojiketa Concept Plan Northeast Side of Park-Bike/Walking Path

Zacho received a plan from the forestry management personnel and she submitted that to the city engineer for review. He did agree with the commission on the location of possible trails/roads.

Mack has been in contact with the owners of the property located at the new roundabout on County Rd 23, their property shares the lot line with Ojiketa. They had some concerns with the placement. Zacho presented the commission with a map so they could visualize the area.

2. Rotary Park Access Path to Lake-Concept and Funding

3. Girl Scout Projects-Silver Awards-Dog Park and Skating Rink

4. Bike Loops

Zacho would like to get some up-to-date information.

5. Reforestation and Channel work Paradise Park

6. Park Commission Assignments

7. Adopt-a-Park Information

Malory has updated all of the information for the Adopt-a-Park program. Each commissioner will have parks assigned to them and work with the resident adoptee and parks programmer. Adoptee will be asked to clean up parks and report any issues or concerns bi-annually.

Kochevar mentioned the idea of the commission meeting at the parks prior to commission meetings to get familiar with each park and address any concerns.

Zacho went through the list of parks that need commission members and adoptees assigned. Commissioners filled the open park assignments.

9. NEW BUSINESS

Commission discussed the addition of some youth members and how to advertise that there is a position open and available.

10. ADJOURN

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

Respectfully Submitted,
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