



Approved

Park Commission

**Regular Meeting
May 8, 2025
Minutes**

Guests: Greg Ulrich

Absent: Bill Mack, 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, Dan Lydon, MaryJo Wiatrak, Nate Stackhouse, Julie Kochevar. Council Liaison Mark Anderson and Parks Superintendent Doris Zacho were present.

2. **APPROVE AGENDA: May 8, 2025.**

Commissioner Olinger asked if there were any additions to the May 8th agenda. Commissioner Kochevar made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Lydon seconded; all ayes the motion was approved.

3. **APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA: April 10, 2025.**

Commissioner Olinger asked if there were any corrections or additions to the consent agenda for April 10, 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

Council met on April 22nd. Clutch Golf 29173 Karmel Ave. applied for a variance for two additions, council approved them as it met conditions from a previous variance. They also accepted a design review for materials on the building. Council accepted a water study that was done by Bolten and Menk. The RFP for

legal services has been approved, the new legal counsel for the city will be Flaherty & Hood. A request from the parks department approved funding for ADA upgrades and lighting in the parks. This includes new concrete in Moberg Park, ADA compliance for the fishing pier at Paradise Park, removal of the trap rock at the Stinson Ave. dock and replace with concrete, and new LED lighting in the basement of Strom Hall. A change order was accepted for the Old Towne Trail extension. The 2024 annual audit was approved.

5b. Parks Superintendent Report

Zacho updated the commission; the skate park equipment has been resurfaced. The concrete at the park has been heaved up, the cost to tear out and replace was \$17,000. Zacho received a quote to jack, level and crack fill the concrete and that quote came in at \$5000. Wiatrak and Stackhouse questioned how long of a fix this would be and if there was any type of guarantee of work. The sponsorship letters for Ki-Chi-Saga days were sent out. Paradise Park slides are still in need of repair; they may need to be removed if they cannot be repaired.

6. PUBLIC HEARING

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8a. 2025 Priority List

1. Ojiketa Park

Zacho gave an update on the OWLLS work that has been completed so far this season. The park received a donation from Gregory Contracting of some used windows in good condition. Some of the cabin windows will be replaced with them.

2. Rotary Park: Peace Trail and Poles

May 22nd Thursday will be a dedication program for the peace pole trail and park from 5-7pm.

3. Chuckie Lundquist: Repairs

4. Water Tower Park: Bike Skills Park-BMX

5. Old Towne Trail Extension-Trail End

Work is underway with a projected completion date for the end of June. Commission discussed the access to the trail system into the park.

6. Lake Ave. Access

The site has been surveyed. Zacho presented a copy of the survey to the commission. Commission discussed the lakeshore and possible entrance/walkway to the lake. The neighboring property resident Greg Ulrich was in attendance and spoke with the commission about his concerns and suggestions. He thought having a clean accessible route into the water for the water trail was a good idea. Zacho would like to clean up the area to have easier portage access for the kayaks. Ulrich is concerned with the runoff and did work with LID on rain gardens in the area. Zacho stated that the next step would be to get engineering done in the area, once that is completed findings can be taken to the soil and water district. They told Zacho if she did the engineering on the portage access project, they would help with clean up. Lydon was concerned about using Park Dedication fees for this project. Wiatrak asked if this project is needed as an access and should the park commission be concerned with both summer and winter access at this site. Stackhouse asked if there could be multiple project quotes, one for just paddle access and another for the full winter access option. And could the project be split between budgets. Zacho stated that the decision on this project will be decided with input from council and public works.

9. NEW BUSINESS

Commission decided to meet at Dahl Park prior to the June meeting on June 12th at 6pm.

9. ADJOURN

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Alisa Bodell
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