



**Approved**

## **Park Commission**

**Regular Meeting**

**May 9, 2024**

**Minutes**

**Guests:**

**Absent:** Bill Mack, Nikki Battles

**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, Nathan Stackhouse, Kaylen Olinger, MaryJo Wiatrak, Dan Lydon, and Dan Charpentier. Parks Superintendent Doris Zacho was present.

2. **APPROVE AGENDA: May 9, 2024.**

Commissioner Olinger asked if there were any additions to the May 9th agenda. Commissioner Kochevar made a motion to approve the agenda; Commissioner Lydon seconded; all ayes the motion was approved.

3. **APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA: April 11, 2024.**

Commissioner Kochevar made a motion to approve the consent agenda for April 11th, 2024; Commissioner Charpentier seconded; all ayes the motion was approved.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

5. **COMMUNICATIONS, REPORTS AND PETITION**

**5a. City Council Liaison Report**

Nikki Battles submitted a written report to the Commission. Olinger read the report to the commission.

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

Zacho commented on the Holistic Expo that was held at Strom Hall. It was well received, and the vendors would love to come back. There was a great turnout, and the classes were full. The two wave slides at Paradise Park are going to be replaced, Zacho is working with a vendor from the Netherlands. The fishing pier at Paradise should be installed within the next couple of weeks. There will be new perennials planted at Moberg Park, some of the plants are over 20 years old and need to be replaced. The community wide garage sales will be next weekend there are 26 applications so far. The Hwy 8 gardens across from Brinks have been cleaned up and trimmed. The Ki-Chi-Saga days music lineup has been booked and vendor applications are being collected.

## **6. PUBLIC HEARING**

## **7. GENERAL BUSINESS**

## **8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **8a. 2024 Priority List**

#### **1. Ojiketa Park: Old Towne Trail Extension Project**

No new updates since the last meeting, Administrator Pechman is contacting the two property owners to discuss the trail portion that runs along their property. Zacho asked the commission if they understood the funding and what was discussed at the last meeting. Zacho explained the Park and Trail Dedication funds and where the money comes from. The commission discussed the DNR grant and the processes they require of the recipients.

#### **2. Rotary Park: Path & Overlook**

Zacho gave the commission a handout presentation from Mack, he had given a presentation regarding the new park path to the Rotary Club. He will be requesting a grant for the path project from Rotary. Mack will look at asking local business for any type of donation as well. Commission discussed using Ojibwe art for the peace poles.

#### **3. Girl Scout Projects: Bug Houses**

Lydon was in touch with Carrie Kampi who is leading the girl scouts in this engineering badge project, they have 5 bug houses built. One of them was accepted by the DNR into Wild River State Park it will be located next to the visitor center. The houses are made with natural materials, and are ready to be installed, they would like to donate the rest of the houses to Chisago City Parks.

Zacho asked about location and where commission would like to see them placed. Charpentier suggested Rotary and Ojiketa, Zacho though one could be placed a Paradise. Kochevar thought that one could be installed at Water Tower Park. Commission thought a description of what bug houses are for should be placed on the houses, Zacho will look at ordering a small descriptive plaque. She also suggested an acceptance and ribbon cutting ceremony for the donation be done during the Ki-Chi-Saga days festival. Lydon will reach out to invite them to the next meeting.

**4. Bike Loop Map**

Malory is working on the maps, she asked what QR codes the commission wanted to see on the maps. Kochevar thought the QR codes would lead to local businesses.

**5. Reforestation: Paradise Park & Moberg Park**

Funds were approved, and the reforestation plan is in the works.

**6. Lake Avenue Access-Paddle Club**

**7. Hard Surface for Ice Rink-Asphalt Pickle Ball Court**

Zacho has met with three different vendors and is waiting for one more quote to come back for asphaltting the rink. The two quotes that came back were for \$30,000 and \$72,000. All the vendor quotes are from local businesses. She has also met with the pickle ball club and shared where she is in the process of getting the court completed. They are willing to do some fundraising and would like to put on a tournament during Ki-Chi-Saga days. Kochevar asked about the maintenance for the court and how that will be taken care of. Zacho will look at other facilities and cities to get an idea of what she will need to budget for maintenance costs. Princeton and Lino Lakes both have ice rink/pickleball courts.

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

**9a. MaryJo Wiatrak-Oath of Office**

MaryJo Wiatrak was sworn into office.

Stackhouse wanted to follow up on the Disc Golf presentation from last month and was wondering if the commission is interested in sponsorship/purchase of equipment such as baskets, or benches. He also wanted to follow up with the possibility of a tournament during the Ki-Chi-Saga days. Zacho felt comfortable with spending \$1000.00 out of park dedication funds for disc golf equipment. Stackhouse will contact the disc golf association to see what the needs are for equipment.

Stackhouse made a motion to purchase equipment for the Wildcat Woods Disc Golf Course up to \$1000.00 signage will state purchased by Chisago City Park Commission; Wiatrak seconded; all ayes the motion passed.

Park Commission will meet at Rotary Park next month prior to the regular meeting at 5:45 to walk the park.

## **ADJOURN**

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
Alisa Bodell  
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