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Park Commission

**Regular Meeting
September 11 , 2025
Minutes**

Guests:

Absent: Mark Anderson, Bill Mack

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, Julie Kochevar, Dan Lydon, Nate Stackhouse, Maryjo Wiatrak and Council Liaison Nikki Battles and Parks Superintendent Doris Zacho were present.
2. **APPROVE AGENDA: September 11, 2025.**
Commissioner Olinger asked if there were any additions to the September 11th agenda. Superintendent Zacho would like to add 9a resignation of Commissioner Dan Charpentier. Commissioner Stackhouse made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition. Commissioner Kochevar seconded; all ayes the motion was approved.
3. **APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA: July 10, 2025.**
Commissioner Olinger asked if there were any corrections or additions to the consent agenda for July 10, 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- Nikki Battles**
City Council met to have a regular meeting on August 26th. The new city logo is in the Final design stage and should have some final logos soon. On August 9th

there was an EDA meeting and representatives from MNDOT walked the council through the four phases of the corridor for the Highway 8 project from Chisago City to Taylors Falls. They spoke about the designs and timelines for the project. Concerns regarding crosswalks were discussed and answered advising there would be crosswalks added to the future roundabouts. A final draft of the design will be presented this fall. This is a 2032 project.

5b. Parks Superintendent Report-Doris Zacho

Zacho is still working on the city logo with the designer on the final design. She notified the board that Ojiketa's 100-year celebration will be June 27th of 2026. Zacho mentioned that during Ki-Chi-Saga days they did a dedication for the previous Mayor Bob Gustafson. Zacho stated that the Caboose at Moberg park needs to be updated, she has gotten a bid for the Caboose to be scraped, painted and sealed for the winter. Commissioner Kochevar mentioned if there was a possibility to place a pavilion over the caboose to help maintain it, Zacho stated she would bring that to the city's attention. Commissioner Lydon asked why the bathroom at Moberg park is being locked overnight, Zacho informed that it was for safety and to deter unwanted activities to happen in the bathrooms such as homeless individuals staying in the bathrooms or vandalism. Zacho also informed the board that the city does have resources for homeless individuals if they are needed or wanted.

Commissioner Lydon asked for information regarding the Haunt, Zacho advised that the city has stopped doing the Haunt due to time and after the damage that had happened at Strom Hall, made it difficult to do the Haunt after it had been decided that this year would have been the last year of the Haunt. Zacho advised that Falloween would still be happening in Moberg in a different capacity.

6. PUBLIC HEARING

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8a. 2025 Priority List

1. Ojiketa Park

A junk removal company came out to remove items from Ojiketa. The boats will be taken care of and out a little into October. OWLLS completed the renovation of the basement of Strom except for the flooring Zacho advised she would like to have an epoxy floor and will be looking more into it. The OWLLS also replaced windows in the bigger areas at Ojiketa.

2. Chuckie Lundquist: Repairs

Zacho advised the lighting at Chuckie Lundquist is the next step at the park and are looking into grants for the lighting. A mud jacker came out to level out the ramp and had a group come out to help wash and paint near the skate park. An individual from the area reached out who was interested in updating and fundraising for the skate park.

3. Water Tower Park: Bike Skills Park-BMX

Zacho has not heard further from Pathfinders regarding the BMX park, they are a Minnesota company. Advised that Pathfinders stated they were not going to be able to do any concepts until the fall when she spoke to them in June.

4. Old Towne Trail Extension-Trail End

Zacho advised that there is nothing new to add for the trail. This winter she will be working to come up with some concepts and designs on what they would like to do with the trail.

5. Lake Ave. Access

Zacho advised that Jason had a meeting with the engineer out there and expressed what the vision for the project was to the engineer. The engineer is going to come back with some concepts.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9a. Resignation Dan Charpentier

Commission discussed the resignation of Dan Charpentier from the Parks Board. Commissioner Olinger moved to accept the resignation, Commissioner Kochevar seconded the motion; all ayes the motion was approved.

10. ADJOURN

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

Respectfully Submitted,
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