

**PARK COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**May 3, 2016**  
**Minutes**

**Call Meeting to Order**

Chairman Patrick Regan called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

**Members Present**

Jim Elvestrom, Wendy Duren, Cindy Webster, Patrick Regan, and City Administrator Dana Young

**Members Absent**

Scott Ferguson, Jonathan Weiss, and Lindsey Carr

**April 5, 2016 Minutes**

The Committee approved the April 5, 2016 minutes on a motion by Cindy Webster, seconded by Jim Elvestrom. Motion carried 4-0.

**Matters from the Floor**

There were no Matters from the Floor this evening.

**Park Reports**

Patrick Regan reported that there is grass growing in the tennis courts at Village Hall Park and the grass area at Nocomo Beach could use some weed killer.

It was noted that the Shuck Park swings are gone. Dana Young stated that they have been replaced for safety reasons and the new swings will be installed shortly.

Further discussion was held regarding the Thorpe Park – Heathcote crosswalk. Jim Elvestrom suggested installing the same warning devise that the school uses with the sign in the middle of the road. He further recommended installing warning signs for pedestrians. Wendy Duren mentioned that there is a meeting today on Safe Route to Schools that was held in Excelsior.

Jim Elvestrom stated that he has a friend / client who would like to meet with Administrator Young to discuss emerald ash borer planning. Dana Young stated that he would be fine with such a meeting.

**Discuss Gift of Park Land**

Dana Young stated that the City Council has accepted the offer of two adjoining lots at 19805 & 19809 Lakeview Avenue, as well as \$50,000 for park maintenance and/or improvements that has been included in the will of Richard & Judy Corson. He stated that the City Council doesn't have a specific plan yet for the use of this park but thought that the Park Committee or a future City Council might come up with some options on its potential use.

Wendy Duren suggested that the future park could just be a natural area with several benches as was recommended in the Strategic Park Plan. She stated that a rain garden could be installed as an example to residents.

Dana Young stated that the Council did indicate that whatever uses are developed for this future park should be low maintenance.

Wendy Duren expressed her gratitude to the Corson's for this generous gift.

### **Review Deephaven Beach Swimming Dock Plans**

The Committee reviewed the three Deephaven Beach swimming dock plans that had been provided in the Strategic Park Plan.

Further discussion was held on the possibility of relocating the playground equipment to the north end of the beach.

Dana Young stated that he would like a final recommendation from the Committee on a swimming dock plan by our September meeting.

### **Review Thorpe Park Plans**

The Committee reviewed the plans for Thorpe Park that had been provided in the Strategic Park Plan. Broad discussion was held on surfacing the hockey rink, constructing a new warming house with a restroom, and connecting the walking path on the south end of the pond.

Dana Young stated that in order to submit a grant application to the Hennepin County Sports Grant for an improved hockey rink and warming house/restroom, plans and costs will need to be finalized well before the November grant deadline.

### **Discuss Tennis Court Inspections**

Dana Young stated that Finley Bros. has inspected the tennis courts at Thorpe Park, Shuck Park, and Village Hall Park and submitted the following report on each court:

#### **Shuck Park**

- Dirty and needs to be pressure washed.
- Dirt areas (especially at "bird bath" areas) are very slippery and slimy.
- Extensive blistering.
- Scars from scarifying are visible.
- New structural cracks have opened up. Primarily at paver seams. Approx. 205 ln. ft.
- Surface must be thoroughly scraped, cleaned and tacked before applying a new Color surface system.
- Courts are unsafe in present condition, due to the loose surface material and and extensive dirty slippery areas.
- Quote to clean, patch, and resurface the battery of two (2) courts - \$11,570

### Village Hall Park

- Very dirty and slippery.
- Old Armor Crack membrane is hanging in there.
- Extensive random surface structural cracks (approx. 925 ln. ft.)
- Reflective cracks around perimeter fence post footings, not included in above number.
- Not as much delamination as Shuck Park.
- Courts really are unsafe given the slippery condition.
- Pressure washing is a must.
- Quote to clean, patch, and resurface the battery of three (3) courts - \$14,330

### Thorpe Park

- Very dirty - especially east side.
- Old Armor membrane is hanging in there. C work.
- Old line paint cracks are flashing.
- Several new structural cracks have opened up. Approx.. 633 ln. ft. of cracks to fill.
- Some areas of blistering (1,700 sq. ft. plus)
- Quote to clean, patch, and resurface the battery of two (2) courts - \$12,970

Dana Young stated that the Thorpe Park tennis courts are scheduled for a complete removal and reconstruction in 2019 and both Village Hall and Shuck Park tennis courts are scheduled in 2020. For that reason, he stated that he is reluctant to invest \$39,000 in the repair of the courts this year. He stated that he will ask Ray Finley his opinion on what improvements could be made to the courts to extend their useful life until their reconstruction in three or four years.

### Other

There was no other business to discuss this evening.

### Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Jim Elvestrom, seconded by Cindy Webster. Motion carried 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Park Committee will be held on June 7, 2016.