

PARK COMMITTEE MEETING
February 3, 2015
Minutes

Call Meeting to Order

Administrator Dana Young called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Members Present

Jim Elvestrom, Scott Ferguson, Patrick Regan, and City Administrator Dana Young

Members Absent

Cindy Webster, Leslie Gustafson, Jonathan Weiss

December 2, 2014 Minutes

The Committee approved the December 2, 2014 minutes on a motion by Patrick Regan, seconded by Jim Elvestrom. Motion carried 3-0.

Park Reports

Committee members provided their monthly park reports:

- Dana Young reported that new hockey nets have been installed as requested by Scott Ferguson at the last meeting.
- Scott Ferguson noted that the solar panel signal lights at Deephaven Elementary School and Minnetonka Community Education don't appear to be working properly. Dana Young stated that most of the signal lights have been replaced and their ongoing maintenance is provided by Minnetonka School District.

2015 Chair & Vice-Chair

Motion by Jim Elvestrom to appoint Scott Ferguson as 2015 Chair. Seconded by Patrick Regan. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Jim Elvestrom to appoint Patrick Regan as 2015 Vice-Chair. Seconded by Scott Ferguson. Motion carried 3-0.

Reappoint Scott Ferguson

Scott Ferguson indicated that he would still be interested in serving on the Park Committee.

Motion by Jim Elvestrom to reappoint Scott Ferguson to a one year term effective until February 2016. Seconded by Patrick Regan. Motion carried 3-0.

Appointment of New Member

Discussion was held on the need to appoint a new member to replace John Flynn. Further discussion was held on the pending term limits of Scott Ferguson, Cindy Webster and Jim Elvestrom in 2016.

Heating Units at Platform Courts

Dana Young provided an update on the installation of the heating unit at the platform courts. He stated that the final installation of the heating units included some additional electrical work, installing the heating unit and installing all the related components. He stated that he has been frustrated at the lack of progress on this project, and while he understands it is difficult work to install the unit in such cold weather, it is obvious this project has not been a top priority for the contractor.

Jim Elvestrom stated that, at this point in the platform season, it might be best to wait until spring to install the heating unit.

Further discussion was held on the lighting system at the courts. Patrick Regan recommended installing LED lighting to lessen the cost of changing out so many of the bulbs.

Jim Elvestrom noted that the 4th annual platform tennis tournament will be held shortly, with the proceeds again going to the City. Dana Young stated that these contributions have been valuable in demonstrating to the Council the amount of interest and support for the platform courts.

Future Park Projects

Scott Ferguson stated that he would be interested in seeing the development of a comprehensive park plan that would address issues and potential opportunities in our parks.

Dana Young stated that \$15,000 had been proposed in the 2015 Park Improvement Fund for a comprehensive park plan but the Council removed the funding during budget discussions. He stated that there is an expectation that the Park Committee could work on its own comprehensive park plan.

Scott Ferguson stated that this just isn't a realistic expectation of such a small committee to undertake such a task.

Patrick Regan added that the Deephaven Woods development paid a substantial park development fee and a comprehensive park plan would be an appropriate use of Park Improvement funds. He stated that this plan could address some of the needs of the seniors at Deephaven Woods.

Further discussion was held on the need to convince the City Council that this would be an excellent way to invigorate our park system and tie in future budgeting and planning efforts surrounding the City's many parks and beaches.

Other

There were no other items to discuss this evening.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Scott Ferguson, seconded by Jim Elvestrom. Motion carried 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Park Committee will be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2015.