

PARK COMMITTEE MEETING
May 5, 2015
Minutes

Call Meeting to Order

Chairman Scott Ferguson called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Members Present

Jim Elvestrom, Cindy Webster, Lindsey Carr, Scott Ferguson, Patrick Regan, Jonathan Weiss and City Administrator Dana Young

Cindy Webster was not feeling well and exits at 7:06 p.m.

Members Absent

Leslie Gustafson

April 7, 2015 Minutes

The Committee approved the April 7, 2015 minutes on a motion by Jim Elvestrom, seconded by Patrick Regan. Motion carried 5-0.

Park Reports

Committee members provided their monthly park reports:

- Scott Ferguson asked about the repairs to the damaged park lights at Thorpe Park. Dana Young stated that the lights will be repaired this week.
- Jim Elvestrom noted that he has not seen that much dog poop along the Thorpe Park path.
- Scott Ferguson stated that he talked with the Director of the Minnetonka Baseball Association about their Association providing some maintenance to the ball fields in Deephaven.
- Scott Ferguson noted the number of boat trailers parked at Deephaven Elementary School Dana Young stated that he thought the School District prohibited trailer parking at the school a year or so ago. He added that they certainly have the right to do so.
- Discussion was held regarding the potential benefits of installing an asphalt surface in the hockey rinks similar to the one that have at the Gro Tonka rink.

Park & Recreation Strategic Plan

Dana Young stated that the City Council seemed very interested in pursuing a Park & Recreation Strategic Plan, perhaps even beginning to implement the plan this summer. He stated that the Council had a number of questions regarding the Strategic Plan, including:

- Is Confluence the right choice to perform the plan?
- Should we go out with a Request for Proposals?
- Should a proposal include definable hours rather than a lump sum total?
- Should all parks & beaches be included in the overall Strategic Plan?

Patrick Regan stated that once you assign hours to each task, it will become much more expensive. He stated that Confluence's proposal is very open ended, which is to our benefit. It was his opinion that establishing specific hours would not benefit the City.

Scott Ferguson stated that any proposed Request for Proposal would exactly mirror the proposal already submitted by Confluence. He stated that their proposal lays out the scope of work very well. He stated that Confluence has worked for a number of cities, including both Edina and Minneapolis.

Jim Elvestrom asked if Confluence could provide examples of how they have improved the parks in Edina.

Patrick Regan stated that it is obvious that Confluence has submitted a superior proposal and are almost doing it on a pro bono basis.

Scott Ferguson stated that the additional benefit of going with this proposal would be all the additional graphics that Confluence would provide for the webpage.

Patrick Regan added that it is not unusual for his company to charge a long-standing customer \$5,000 for a simple rendering. He added that this Strategic Plan would also be a very attractive project for Confluence as they don't get the opportunity to do this time of park design work very often.

Jim Elvestrom asked about the timelines for this project.

Patrick Regan estimated that Part I and Part II of the Strategic Plan would each take around 2-3 weeks.

Presentation to City Council

Dana Young suggested presenting the Park & Recreation Strategic Plan to the City Council at the May 18th Council meeting. Chairman Scott Ferguson and Vice-Chairman Patrick Regan offered to represent the Park Committee at the meeting.

Scott Ferguson suggested asking the Council if they had any specific questions in advance of the meeting and to have the explore Confluence's website prior to the meeting.

Other

Patrick Regan stated that the members should discuss and be assigned specific parks to review each month. Dana Young stated that he will find the current list of park assignments for discussion next month.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Jim Elvestrom, seconded by Patrick Regan. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Park Committee will be held on Tuesday, June 2, 2015.