

PARK COMMITTEE MEETING
June 7, 2016
Minutes

Call Meeting to Order

Chairman Patrick Regan called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Members Present

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

May 3, 2016 Minutes

The Committee approved the May 3, 2016 minutes on a motion by Cindy Webster, seconded by Wendy Duren. Motion carried 7-0.

Matters from the Floor

There were no Matters from the Floor this evening.

Park Reports

Dana Young reported that a new bench has been purchased for the Thorpe Park tennis courts.

Patrick Regan reported that there still are weeds at Nocomo Beach.

Discussion was held regarding the beach closure at Robinson's Bay Beach on June 7-8 due to excessively high Ecoli readings.

Dana Young reported that the City Council will be considering improvements to the Thorpe Park tennis courts in 2017 and to Village Hall and Shuck Park tennis courts in 2018.

Scott Ferguson reported that the ropes on the fishing pier need to be repaired.

Wendy Duren stated that the new swings at Shuck Park look very nice.

Discussion was held regarding the Heathcote / Thorpe Park crosswalk and whether a safety sign can be placed in the middle of the road. Dana Young reported that this had been discussed at the Public Safety Committee meeting and it was determined that the incident in which a pedestrian had been struck in the arm by a passing motorist did not occur in the crosswalk but further south near the Walden entrance. He stated that he will look into the possibility of installing a safety sign but noted that Minnetonka Blvd is not an ideal location for such a sign due to traffic speeds.

Discuss Warming House Lights on Timers

Dana Young presented a quote from Westy's Electric to install timers on the overhead lights at the ice rinks at a cost of \$2,065.00. Dana Young stated that the City is currently reliant on one family at a cost of \$800 - \$1,000 per season to turn the lights on and off during the ice skating

season and timers would be a more functional way to address the lights. He stated that the City use to employ warming house attendants about six years ago but it had been increasingly difficult to find kids interested in the job. In the last year with warming house attendants, the City had only one attendant to monitor both warming houses it was so difficult to find anyone interested in the job.

Scott Ferguson commented that the timer would pay for itself in two years.

Jim Elvestrom asked if there could be later hours at the warming house on Friday and Saturday evenings.

The Committee generally voiced their support of the timers.

Review Deephaven Beach Swimming Dock Plans

Patrick Regan provided copies of the Deephaven Beach plans showing several swimming dock options.

After considerable discussion on various configurations, it was decided that each Committee member should return at the next meeting in September with several preferred design options.

Dana Young stated that he will obtain elevations at the beach to try to assist with decisions regarding an ADA compliant dock.

Discuss Park & Beach Project Priority List

Dana Young stated that the Committee needs to give some thought to park and beach projects that have not been identified in the City's Capital Improvement Plan. He stated that several years ago the Park Committee spearheaded the Platform Court Project and further consideration and prioritization needs to be given to such projects as surfacing the hockey rinks, constructing a new warming house/restroom at Thorpe Park, or to the myriad of other projects that have been discussed over the past few years. He stated that without a better determination of which projects to undertake and when, the City will continue to fall short on applying to the Hennepin County Youth Sports Grant for funding assistance. He asked the members to take the next two months to consider specific park and/or beach projects for discussion at the September Park Committee meeting.

Other

There was no other business to discuss this evening.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Jim Elvestrom, seconded by Wendy Duren. Motion carried 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Park Committee will be held on Tuesday, September 13, 2016.