

PARK COMMITTEE MEETING

April 7, 2015

Minutes

Call Meeting to Order

Chairman Scott Ferguson called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Members Present

Jim Elvestrom, Cindy Webster, Leslie Gustafson, Scott Ferguson, and City Administrator Dana Young

Members Absent

Patrick Regan and Jonathan Weiss

February 3, 2015 Minutes

The Committee approved the February 3, 2015 minutes on a motion by Jim Elvestrom, seconded by Cindy Webster. Motion carried 4-0.

Park Reports

Committee members provided their monthly park reports:

- Leslie Gustafson asked about the possibility of paving over the Thorpe hockey rink. Scott Ferguson stated that he estimates that it would cost approximately \$100,000 to install a concrete surface over the hockey rink. He stated that a blacktop surface would not work nearly as well due to drainage and grade issues.
- Leslie Gustafson asked when the City planned to re-pave the Thorpe walking path. Dana Young stated that resurfacing the trail was included in the City's Capital Improvement Plan but was unsure of the date. He added that the condition of the path would eventually dictate when the resurfacing would occur.

Jim Elvestrom asked what the Park Committee would need to do in order to undertake a large park improvement project such as the surfacing of the hockey rink or the installation of a restroom at Thorpe Park.

Dana Young stated that the project would require some research on behalf of the Committee and the eventual review by the City Council to determine their willingness to participate in the proposed project. If the Council supported the project, funding would be assigned to the project.

New Member - Lindsey Carr

Lindsey Carr was present to discuss her interest in joining the Deephaven Park Committee.

Motion by Scott Ferguson to recommend the appointment of Lindsey Carr to a three-year term of office effective until February 2018. Seconded by Cindy Webster. Motion carried 4-0.

Removal of Boardwalk at Deephaven Beach

Dana Young stated that the Public Works Department has a strong interest in removing the boardwalk down at Deephaven Beach due to its deteriorating condition. He stated the removal of the boardwalk would add more sand area to the beach and remove a structure that was becoming an ongoing

maintenance problem. General discussion was held on the overall condition of the boardwalk and the option to either remove or replace the boardwalk.

Motion by Cindy Webster to approve the Public Work Department's recommendation to remove the boardwalk at Deephaven Beach. Seconded by Leslie Gustafson. Motion carried 4-0.

Construction of New Swimming Dock at Deephaven Beach

Dana Young stated that the Public Works Department would also like to reconstruct the swimming dock at Deephaven Beach using a larger pier design similar to the boat docks. He stated that this project would be discussed during the budgeting process by the City Council and, if approved, would likely be constructed in the winter of 2016. He added that the proposed dock design would be reviewed by the Park Committee later this year.

Comprehensive Plan

Scott Ferguson stated that he asked Confluence, a large landscape architectural firm, to provide a proposal for a Park and Recreation Strategic Plan for the City of Deephaven. He stated that the purpose of the strategic plan would be to provide the guiding principles, goals and strategies to establish both the short and long term development and redevelopment of parks, trails and beaches throughout Deephaven. He stated that the strategic plan would not be some poorly used document that would seldom be used but a specific action plan for the improvement of parks, trails & beaches that would be developed following a number of public meetings. He stated that this plan would eventually be tied in to the City's Capital Improvement Plan so that the short and long term vision would become reality.

Leslie Gustafson asked if the City had funding available for this strategic plan.

Dana Young stated that although funding has not been budgeted this year, funding is available in the Park Improvement Fund.

Further discussion was held on the presentation of the strategic plan proposal to the City Council.

Other

Discussion was held on the possibility of installing paddle board lockers at Deephaven Beach.

Dana Young stated that the heating unit at the platform courts has finally been installed and a recent fundraising tournament at the courts raised \$3,050 in donations for the maintenance and upkeep of the platform courts.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Scott Ferguson, seconded by Jim Elvestrom. Motion carried 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Park Committee will be held on Tuesday, May 5, 2015.