

PARK COMMITTEE MEETING
June 4, 2019
Minutes

Call Meeting to Order

Chairman Wendy Duren called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present

Wendy Duren, Scott Hemink, Patrick Regan, Tom Erdmann, Kaisha Rafferty, Tracy Corens, Tony Jewett, and City Administrator Dana Young

Members Absent

Lindsey Carr

May 7, 2019, 2018 Minutes

The Committee approved the May 7, 2019 Park Committee minutes on a motion by Patrick Regan, seconded by Wendy Duren. Motion carried 6-0.

Council Updates

Dana Young stated that the Deephaven City Council took the following action on May 20th in regards to the following Park Committee recommendations:

- Appointed Kaisha Rafferty
- Authorized bids on the reconstruction of the two Shuck Park tennis courts and the installation of a new half court basketball court. The basketball court could be bid as an alternate.
- The City Council intends to establish 12' driving lanes on Minnetonka Blvd, as opposed to the 11' lanes recommended by the Park Committee, to maintain the same driving lane widths on the rest of Minnetonka Blvd & Vine Hill Road.

Discussion was held regarding the Council's decision to go with 4' shoulders instead of 5' shoulders.

Scott Hemink asked when the striping of Minnetonka Blvd will be done.

Dana Young stated that the project is scheduled to begin in mid-July and is expected to take 8-10 weeks to complete. With these timelines, the striping could occur sometime in September or October.

Wendy Duren stated that the width of the shoulder is part of the overall feasibility study and more information will be available once the study is complete.

Tony Jewett stated that the Council wants to have the street width of Minnetonka Blvd uniform with the rest of Minnetonka Blvd and Vine Hill Road. He stated that the restriping of streets is

done every year and Minnetonka Blvd could be striped with an 11' driving lane and 5' shoulders at a later date.

Kaisha Rafferty stated that the City could restripe Vine Hill Road with 11' driving lanes and a 5' shoulder to accommodate the 11' driving lane on Minnetonka Blvd.

Scott Hemink suggested getting more information from the bike study before a final decision is made.

Tom Erdmann agreed that we have more time before a decision has to be made.

Patrick Regan stated that this is something worth discussing when more information is available.

Park Reports

Patrick Regan suggested installing a baby changing table in the new Warming House restroom. He added that he also obtained 800 S.F. of rubber matting for the Warming House.

Scott Hemink stated that he has received very good feedback on the condition of the Deephaven Beach gazebo. He stated that the Children's Park gazebo could use some repairs on the framing and foundation.

Tom Erdmann stated that the ball diamond and ball field benches at Village Hall Park have been repaired. He asked about new bases for the ball diamond.

Scott Hemink stated that he would ask the Minnetonka Baseball Association on whether they could provide bases for this ball field.

Wendy Duren stated that more fill material may be needed to level the area in Thorpe Park where the storm water pipe was installed in the ditch.

Dana Young stated that more repair work will be done on the storm water pipe when this section of the park dries out and he will talk to the crew about adding more fill. He stated that the city plans to hydro-seed the area when the work is done.

Dana Young stated that a third lifeguard chair has been added to Deephaven Beach at the request of Minnetonka Aquatics and the public works crew recently added 60 tons of sand to the city beaches.

Welcome to New Member Kaisha Rafferty

The Committee welcomed Kaisha Rafferty to the Park Committee.

Discuss Request for Farmer's Market & Community Garden

Discussion was held regarding Maggie Brandt's request for a Farmer's Market & Community Garden in Deephaven.

Scott Hemink noted that there are already plenty of good options already available for people to attend Farmer's Markets in Excelsior, Minnetonka or Wayzata. However, he stated that a Community Garden is a more interesting concept. It would be a low energy activity requiring space, fencing and a rain barrel.

Wendy Duren added that the area would also require sufficient sunlight. She recommended that Maggie contact the five area elementary schools to find out more information on Community Gardens.

Tony Jewett noted that St. Therese has a Community Garden that is available for the residents of Deephaven Woods Senior Living.

Kaisha Rafferty stated that some portion of the population may be interested in participating in a Community Garden.

Tom Erdmann stated that the Cottagewood Store has an educational garden located behind the store that is maintained by children.

Dana Young asked each of the members to review their list of parks to try to determine where a Community Garden could be located.

Discuss Availability for July & August Meetings

The Committee decided to cancel the July & August Park Committee meetings due to potential quorum issues.

Other

Tom Erdmann stated that he had met with John Gunyou, Three Rivers Park Commissioner, and had a discussion on the potential availability of bikeway grants.

Tom Erdmann asked to be notified when the Shuck Park tennis court and basketball court quotes were received.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting of the Park Committee will be held on September 3, 2019.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Kaisha Rafferty, seconded by Patrick Regan. Motion carried 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.