

PARK COMMITTEE MEETING
June 5, 2018
Minutes

Call Meeting to Order

Chairman Patrick Regan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present

Patrick Regan, Scott Hemink, Tom Erdmann, Lindsey Carr, Tracy Whitney, Wendy Duren, Kent Carlson, and City Administrator Dana Young

Members Absent

Scott Ferguson

May 1, 2018 Minutes

The Committee approved the May 1, 2018 Park Committee minutes on a motion by Tracy Whitney, seconded by Wendy Duren. Motion carried 6-0.

Matters from the Floor

There were no Matters from the Floor this evening.

Park Reports

Dana Young provided an update on the following items:

- The condition of the soil has impacted the construction of the new warming house at Thorpe Park. This has delayed the project considerably and will be an expensive fix.
- The Deephaven Beach swimming dock has been painted.
- The swimming docks at the other beaches have been repaired and installed at each beach.
- The City obtained a quote to repair the Sun Arbor and received a quote from Concept Landscaping in the amount of \$36,200. He stated that the crew will repair the Sun Arbor in the fall.

Tracy Whitney noted that the memorial bench on the west side of the pond is in very tough shape.

Wendy Duren asked if there had been any more discussion regarding painting the hockey rink or boards. Dana Young stated that there has not been any additional discussion. He stated that the City intends to paint the rink using the same paint that is used to stripe roads. He stated that the Public Works Committee will make some final decisions on painting the rink and boards in August.

Welcome Tom Erdmann

The Committee welcomed Tom Erdmann to his first meeting as member of the Deephaven Park Committee.

Discuss Alternative Locations for Fishing

Patrick Regan stated that there was a request last year for permission to fish off the boat docks. He stated that the City Council decided that fishing would not be permitted from the boat docks and allowed only a couple of designated fishing locations on public property. He stated that the Park Committee should be looking at multiple activities for our residents, including potential fishing locations.

Scott Hemink stated that he talked with Kolt Ringer, who met with the Park Committee on this issue last year, and Kolt recommended the following areas as having the best fishing spots:

- Rocky Beach & Linwood Beach
- One of the fire lanes on Carson's Bay
- Burton Park has a very good deep fishing hole
- Walden Beach

Dana Young stated that he could see Rocky Beach as a potential fishing location but didn't think either Linwood Beach or Walden Beach would be very good locations. Linwood Beach is too isolated and allowing both swimming and fishing at Walden Beach would not be a particularly good idea.

Tom Erdmann agreed that swimming and fishing don't mix.

Further discussion was held on providing two potential fishing locations in the Cottagewood area and at Burton Park.

Tom Erdmann stated that Burton Park seems like a preferred location due to its accessible location and the fact that there are no neighbors. He stated that the two locations in Cottagewood might be asking for problems because they currently have another use.

Dana Young stated that it's always a problem when you are looking to change an existing use of public land.

Scott Hemink stated that he thought Rocky Beach would be a very good option.

Patrick Regan stated that we need to expand fishing opportunities in the city.

Dana Young stated that the Public Works Committee will review the Park Committee's suggestion to designate Rocky Beach, a Carson's Bay fire lane, and Burton Park as permitted fishing locations.

Discuss Request for Porta Potty at Children's Park

Dana Young stated that Sharon Garber, 20520 Summerville Road, has requested that the City add a portable restroom at Thorpe Park. He distributed an email and site map that had been sent by Ms. Garber for Committee review. Dana Young stated that there are currently portable restrooms at Thorpe Park, Village Hall Park, Deephaven Beach, Walden Beach, Robinson's Bay Beach, Sandy Beach, and the Carson's Bay Launch area. There are no restrooms at the other

parks and beaches including Shuck Park, Cottagewood Children's Park, Rocky Beach, and Haralson Park.

Scott Hemink asked if Children's Park were used enough to justify a portable restroom.

Tom Erdmann stated that he thought it was well-used but questioned if there were many people from out of the area that used the park. He asked if the restrooms would be at the park seasonally. Dana Young stated that the restrooms would only be there from May through Labor Day.

Scott Hemink asked if people could use the restroom at the Cottagewood Store.

Tom Erdmann stated that, for a number of reasons, the store doesn't want people coming into the store just to use the bathrooms.

Further discussion was held on the possibility of installing a portable restroom at the Cottagewood Store. It was generally conceded that with the quaint appearance of the Cottagewood Store would probably conflict with having a portable restroom at this location.

Scott Hemink asked if there is enough traffic at this park to justify a restroom.

Patrick Regan stated that if this park is designed to accommodate young children, there probably is a need to have a restroom at this location.

Scott Hemink stated that he would like more information before making a decision.

Wendy Duren agreed that due diligence is needed before a decision is made.

Tom Erdmann stated that he would be willing to survey the neighbors to see if they would object to a portable restroom at Children's Park.

Wendy Duren also suggested that he ask them if many kids from the park are asking to use their bathrooms.

Dana Young stated that installing a portable restroom at this location is not a cost issue as a new portable restroom would only cost about \$80 per month. He stated that it is more an issue of whether neighboring property owners would find it objectionable.

Further discussion on this request will be held at the next Park Committee meeting.

Other

Following up from last month's meeting, Wendy Duren noted that dogs are only permitted in Thorpe Park on the path on a leash.

Further discussion was held on excess garbage that is left occasionally by large groups using Thorpe Park and possible solutions to ensure that the garbage is picked up on a timely basis.

Kent Carlson offered to provide the design of a garbage container that he uses quite successfully in keeping his marina clean.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting of the Park Committee will be held on August 7, 2018.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Scott Hemink, seconded by Tracy Whitney. Motion carried 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.