

**PARK COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**May 1, 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, Lindsey Carr, Tracy Whitney, Wendy Duren, Kent Carlson, and City Administrator Dana Young

**Members Absent**

Scott Ferguson

**March 6, 2018 Minutes**

The Committee approved the March 6, 2018 Park Committee minutes on a motion by Wendy Duren, seconded by Scott Hemink. Motion carried 4-0.

Lindsey Carr enters at 7:08 p.m.

**Matters from the Floor**

There were no Matters from the Floor this evening.

**Park Reports**

Dana Young provided an update on the Thorpe Park Warming House Project. He stated that work on the warming house began yesterday with some excavation work and the installation of the sewer line. He stated that a construction / security fence will be installed around the project site in the next few days.

Scott Hemink asked if the City had decided to install rubber matting in the restrooms. Dana Young stated that the City has asked the contractor to provide a quote on installing the matting.

Dana Young added that the City Council has also authorized a Design Committee and a Construction Committee to assist with keeping the project moving forward. He stated that the Design Committee will make all decisions relating to selecting colors and fixtures and the Construction Committee will meet with the contractor bi-weekly to assist with building decisions.

Patrick Regan stated that he has quite a bit of experience with the design of arenas and would be delighted to serve on the Design Team.

Tracy Whitney asked about the parking at Thorpe Park and whether it will continue to be as limited as it is now. Dana Young stated that the parking will likely be a problem throughout the project.

Scott Hemink asked if the City still intended to paint the swimming dock at Deephaven Beach. Dana Young stated that we do intend to paint the dock and asked if the Committee had a preference on the color of the docks. It was the unanimous consensus to paint the docks white or off-white.

Dana Young stated that he met with Kyle Heitkamp, a member of the Minnetonka Baseball Association, about proposed improvements to the ball fields. He stated that the MBA plans to install a permanent mound at the Thorpe Park ball field closest to Westview and Rutledge, as well as extend the base paths from 60' to 65'. He stated that they are going to take a look at the drainage situation at the Village Hall Park ball field before making any recommendations.

Lindsey Carr noted that the walking path at Thorpe Park is in need of repair. Dana Young stated that the public works crew is waiting for the blacktop plants to open before they can repair the path.

### **Discuss Bikeway Grant**

Patrick Regan stated that he watched the meeting in which the City Council approved the Bikeway Feasibility Grant Cooperative Agreement with Hennepin County. Further discussion was held on the Council's intent and interest in determining the best possible bike routes.

Kent Carlson stated the Council is interested in figuring out a route and holding discussions, if need be, with any property owners impacted by the proposed route. He stated that it was noted that Hennepin County's staff encouraged the City to find alternate routes. He stated that it might be helpful for the Committee to figure out potential routes using aerial photos of the city.

Scott Hemink stated that the Heathcote route is the preferred route of the Park Committee.

Kent Carlson suggested presenting this concept to the City Council and then develop a Request for proposals using the Heathcote route as a foundation.

Patrick Regan stated that the Committee has really favored three route segments, including:

- Chowen's Corner to Hwy 101
- Thorpe Park to Heathcote to the LRT Trail
- The LRT Trail to the Elementary School

Kent Carlson encouraged the Committee to take this route proposal to the City Council.

### **Review Playground Equipment Proposals**

The Committee reviewed the following playground equipment proposals:

St. Croix Recreation	-	\$35,483.00
Flagship Recreation	-	\$35,657.00
MN – Wisconsin Playground	-	\$35,000.00

Motion by Tracy Whitney to recommended the purchase and installation of the playground equipment provided by St. Croix Recreation in the amount of \$35,483.00. Seconded by Lindsey Carr. Motion carried 5-0.

### **Discuss Installation of Paddleboard Structure at Deephaven Beach**

Dana Young stated that the Public Works Committee is spearheading the review of the proposed paddleboard racks at Deephaven Beach. He stated that their review is based on the Park Committee's recommendations to initially install 18-24 paddleboard racks along the sports court at Deephaven Beach, with several of racks set aside for rental. He stated that the reason that this item went before the Public Works Committee is due to the fact that it was intended to have the public works crew build the paddleboard racks. He stated that with such a longer winter season, it is uncertain whether the public works crew will be able to get this project done this year.

Scott Hemink recommended informing the public of the opportunity to store their paddleboards at Deephaven Beach, whether it happens this year or next, in the July Newsletter.

### **Discuss Candidates for Park Committee Membership**

The Committee reviewed nine applications for membership on the Deephaven Park Committee. Dana Young stated that there is one current vacancy on the Committee. It was the unanimous decision to select Tom Erdman, 20425 Lakeview Avenue, due to the fact that the Committee lacked representation from the Cottagewood area. Patrick Regan stated that he and Kent Carlson would meet with Tom Erdman shortly to discuss his interest in serving on the Park Committee.

Motion by Scott Hemink to recommend the appointment of Tom Erdman to the Park Committee, subject to the recommendations of Patrick Regan and Kent Carlson following their interview with the candidate. Seconded by Tracy Whitney. Motion carried 5-0.

### **Other**

Scott Hemink noted that the decking in the Sun Arbor at Deephaven Beach needs work.

Patrick Regan suggested renewing discussions on finding alternate locations for fishing at the next Committee meeting.

Further discussion was held on dog leash laws in Thorpe Park.

### **Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting of the Park Committee will be held on June 5, 2018.

### **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Patrick Regan, seconded by Scott Hemink. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.