

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday February 22, 2017

4:30 PM

Ed Overland Room



Present: Alderpersons: Dennis Kittleson, Regina Hirsch, Paul Lawrence, Matt Bartlett, Mayor Donna Olson and Parks and Recreation Director Tom Lynch

Guests: Patrick Groom, Denise Wilson, Andy Lewis, Mark Mentink, Tyler Lorenz, Michael Engelberger, Ron Klaas

1. Call to Order

Selsor called to order at 4:30 PM

2. Approval of the Minutes from January 25, 2017

Motion by Kittleson, seconded by Bartlett, to approve the minutes of January 25, 2017. Motion carried 5-0.

3. Communications

The Park Development Fund has \$173,201.15 for land purchases and 113,049.12 for development. The committee asked for a breakdown of how and in what time period the fees need to be used. This will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

The Lions Club is interested in helping convert the basketball court in Mandt Park into a pickle ball facility.

The Sponsorship Program is doing better than projected. Most sponsors are returning from previous years and more are being contacted with the help of Tricia Suess and Laurie Woods of the Friends of Gazebo Musikk.

Old Business

4. Chalet Ct. Parkland

Denise Wilson presented a proposed land swap that would leave the Chalet Ct. Development intact and provide another location for the developer to continue his project. She also suggested that the City purchase the land from the developer for a park.

The committee will talk more about this at the next meeting, with hopefully more information on the wetland designation by the WDNR.

5. Nordic Ridge Park Plan

Ron Klaas, Engineer for the Nordic Ridge development, attended outlining the initial park improvements necessary of beginning phase 2 which includes the park. Lynch asked the committee to approve the initial improvements so that the project could move to Planning, once the parking plan has been approved by appropriate sub committees.

Motion by Lawrence, seconded by Bartlett to recommend to table this item until more information is available. Motion passed 5-0

New Business

6. Stoughton Fair Contract

The committee was not comfortable with several of the points in the City's contract with the Stoughton Fair. Lynch will clean up some details and send the contract to Attorney Dregne for review before a meeting will be scheduled with him.

Motion by Bartlett, seconded by Lawrence to table. Motion passed 4-0.

7. Virgin Lake Trail Plan

Mark Mentink and Tyler Lorenz from Cummins gave a history and future for their involvement with creating trails and boardwalks in the area of Virgin Lake. They will announce a grant from Cummins for \$15,000 to be used on the project and the next City Council meeting.

8. Batting Cage request

Stephanie Wanninger (SABA President, not present) presented a plan through a letter in the packet for a batting cage at Norse Park, to be funded and constructed by the Stoughton Area Baseball Association. Both Lynch and Groom felt the batting cage matched what has been placed in other parks and that this was a good location. It would be open to the public.

Motion by Lawrence, seconded by Hirsch to approve the construction and placement of a batting cage in Norse Park along the third base line pending a review of the location by Parks Maintenance Supervisor Pat Groom. Motion passed 5-0.

9. Future Agenda Items

Stoughton Fair Contract
Amundson Trail Agreement
Development of Mandt Park
Nordic Ridge Park Plan
Chalet Ct. Parkland
Park Development Fund

Adjournment

Motion made by Lawrence, seconded by Hirsch to adjourn at 6:30 PM. Motion passed 3-0.