

MINUTES
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MONDAY, August 21, 2023, 5:30 p.m.
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
100 E. ROBINSON STREET

CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Gangelhoff called the meeting to order at 5:37 pm. Members present were Michael Windsperger, Jennifer Bierma, and Matt Gangelhoff. Ex-officio present were Mike Roll of Crystal Waters Project and Ryan Yunkers of the Lake Crystal Area Rec Center.

Committee Members Absent: Daniel Puot-Well

Others present: City Administrator Angela Grafstrom, Mayor Todd Wiens, and Matthew Peterson of the Softball Association.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Gangelhoff to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of 3-20-23 as presented, seconded by Windsperger, and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Windsperger to approve the minutes of the meeting of 7-24-23 as presented, seconded by Gangelhoff, and carried unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS

Grafstrom reported the DNR inspected the parks that were purchased with DNR grants. They inspect every 5 years. They are cared for, but they made some suggestions to improve ADA accessibility. She also reported most of the feedback regarding the Courtyard has been positive.

NEW BUSINESS

MJ Courtyard Plan, Quotes and Marketing

Motion made by Gangelhoff to recommend to City Council to accept the quote from Ozz Landscaping in the amount of \$24,900, seconded by Bierma and carried unanimously.

Abbott Field Signage

Matt Peterson of the Softball Association attended the meeting to discuss historic signage at Abbott Field. He brought examples of the historic signs that used to be at the field memorializing major victories by local teams, etc. He said the softball association is going to replace the signage. They are not asking for anything from the city and all the signs will be paid for by private parties, they just wanted to let the city know.

Motion made by Gangelhoff to approve the replacement of historic signage at Abbott Field, seconded by Bierma and carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Agreements between the City and Entities Using City Facilities

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The committee agreed to have the school, community ed, the Softball, and Baseball Associations review the agreements and make recommendations/suggestions. The committee will meet next on October 2, 2023, to review and discuss.

Frisbee Golf Course

Tabled as Supervisor Tibbetts was not at the meeting.

INFORMATION

Collis Field Repairs

Grafstrom reported she had put \$45,000 into the 2024 budget to cover the fence and bleacher repairs at Collis Field. She said she included an additional \$20,000 for future repairs and \$3,000 for repairs to the Scout building in Robinson. If they are approved by the council when they set the budget. Some felt the Scout house was not worth repairing and it should be taken down. It was reported that the police live trapped 7 racoons, the house is full of mice, the windows and wood are rotting, it smells bad, it has expired smoke detectors and fire extinguishers, the fireplace needs to be inspected. The consensus is to have the scouts salvage the items they want inside and raze the building. Bierma stated the Girl Scouts used to meet there, now they just meet at individual homes, and she is not sure where the Cub Scouts meet. She said they do not use city hall because they cannot schedule out for a year and have to bring a check every time. Mayor Wiens said they can use city hall and they can set up a full schedule. Administrator Grafstrom concurred.

Yunkers reported the kayak rack was built and they have the locks. He showed a picture of the rack and the flyer they created to market the rentals. The council had approved putting the kayaks in Robinson Park. People will have to go to the rec center to pay, get paddles, lifejackets, and access to the lock before they could use the kayaks, but the hope is this will increase the use of the kayaks if they are located at the lake.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business of the Lake Crystal Park and Recreation Commission meeting of 8-21-2023, motion made by Windsperger to adjourn the meeting of the Lake Crystal Park and Recreation Committee of August 21, 2023, seconded by Bierma and carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:06 pm.

Next Meeting: October 2, 2023 at 5:30 pm

Minutes prepared by Angela Grafstrom

Chair Gangelhoff

Attest: _____
Administrator Grafstrom