PURSUANT TO DUE CALL AND NOTICE THEREOF
THE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION OF LAKE CRYSTAL MET
IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM OF THE CITY HALL BUILDING
AT 6:30 PM ON MONDAY, JULY 16, 2018

Commissioners present: Amanda Carleton, Kristee Richards, John Fritchman, Kristi Hawker, Mike Roll (ex-officio)

Staff present: City Administrator, Taylor Gronau; Street and Maintenance Superintendent, Dean Tibbetts

Others present: Councilor, Todd Wiens; Councilor, Larry Schultz; Chad Setter, Shelly Freyberg, John Bohm, Peter Backstrom

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Vice Chair Hawker

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Member Carleton moved and Member Fritchman seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2018 regular meeting. The following vote was had and taken:

Ayes: Carleton, Fritchman, Richards, Hawker
Nays: None.

Motion carried.

New Business:

None.

Old Business:

A. Dog Park Proposal

Members of a dog park committee presented an updated proposal for a dog park to be constructed in Jones Park southwest of the horse arena. The arena would be completely paid for by donations and fundraising. The Committee plans to manage the dog park, clean up waste, etc. Several commissioners asked questions and made comments. Member Richards moved and Member Hawker seconded a motion to recommend approval of the dog park location and design to the City Council. The following vote was had and taken:

Ayes: Carleton, Fritchman, Richards, Hawker
Nays: None.

Motion carried.

B. Proposed Improvements to Abbott Field
Members of the Lake Crystal Area Fastpitch Association, Inc. were in attendance to present proposed improvements to Abbott Field. These improvements include work to the backstop, fencing, dugouts and scoreboard. The Association requested the City share in 1/3 of the costs (not to exceed $10,334). The Association would share 1/3 of the costs and a similar request would be made to the school. Administrator Gronau noted this expense was not included in the 2018 budget and would be deducted from the City’s reserves. Several commissioners asked questions and made comments. Member Carleton moved and Member Fritchman seconded a motion to recommend the City Council share in the cost of the improvements. The following vote was had and taken:

Ayes: Carleton, Fritchman, Richards, Hawker
Nays: None.

Motion carried.

C. Robinson Park projects

Administrator Gronau noted the Robinson Park trail has started and the path graded. The dock has been assembled. No action was taken.

Other Business:
None.

Staff Reports:

Street and Maintenance Superintendent Tibbetts reported on the following:

1. The crew is preparing to demolish the Robinson Park restroom.
2. Lines have been added at the Robinson Park boat landing to control parking.
3. The carp fisherman will be back when the water level is lower.
4. Staff would like to eliminate the sandbox at Abbott Field. It is a safety hazard and several kids have nearly been hit by softballs. The Committee had no objection to eliminate the sandbox.
5. A chain on the Paulina Johnson swing set broke and a child was injured. The chain was repaired to prevent further injury.

Administrator Gronau reported on the following:

1. The next meeting will be held on Monday, August 20 at 6:30 p.m.

There being no further business to conduct the meeting was duly adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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Kristi Hawker, Vice Chair

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Taylor Gronau, Acting Secretary