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AGENDA
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
Wednesday, December 16, 2020
5:15PM

The meeting will be held virtually and there will not be an in-person attendance option. The public can attend either via the weblink or call-in phone number below.

Or call in (audio only) [+1 651-432-4611](tel:+16514324611), 753384637# United States, St. Paul
Phone Conference ID: 753 384 637#

5:15 p.m. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES

Minutes of November 18, 2020 Park and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Non-Agenda Related Topic

- 1. Eric Wanta-Discuss volunteer dog park possibilities**

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Sterling Ponds Hill Disc Golf update**

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Recognition Susan Reese – Dedicated Park and Recreation Board member**

ADJOURNMENT

*Council members may be in attendance for informational purposes only.
No official Council action will be taken.*



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Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 5:15 p.m.
Virtual meeting (public via weblink or call-in as listed on agenda)

Members Present: Patricia LaRue (Chair), Sean Downing (Council Rep), Brandon Dobbertin, Brenda Gaulke, Jim Nordgren, Melissa Pedrini, and Susan Reese.

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Cindi Danke-*Recreation Manager*; Jason Stroud-*Assistant City Administrator*, Tom Schwalen-*Facilities Maintenance Supervisor*: Mike Stifter-*Operation Director* and Amy White-*City Clerk*.

Others Present: *David Reese-local citizen*

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting convened at 5:15 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MSC Gaulke/Reese to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2020 Park and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting. Carried 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Patricia acknowledged the City's Hydro Electric is celebrating 120 years on November 29, 1900.

NEW BUSINESS

DeSanctis Schoolhouse-Board reviewed DeSanctis School House updates with Maintenance Supervisor, Tom Schwalen. The main question, other than a bathroom sink, does the board want a sink in the classroom?

Susan had some feedback, within the main entrance is there room for a small sink and if it would work there then it would not disturb the schoolhouse. An old fashion sink that would match the time and still be tall enough for coffee pots, etc. Tom will do some research and get the information to Cindi. Patricia asked the number of people that could fit into schoolhouse. Staff will check with actual number of occupiers allowed. Use will be for family gatherings and especially school groups history use.

Brandon Park-Staff removed the unsafe 40-year-old playground equipment that was not city project but by a neighbor. Brandon's Park, a small neighbor pocket park was really an entrance way into the Kinni trail system going behind the houses. Rocky Branch school with playground equipment is not far away, but this park was used for play. Perhaps if equipment is gotten for

Glen Park an old set could move to the area. Staff will develop a survey to help determine the need of the neighborhood.

Hoffman Park Camping and Dump Station Rules-Board discussed the cost of area dump station and if there is a need to raise the fee to dump, campers are allowed to dump with their camping fee.

MSC LaRue/Reese to increase the cost to dump station from \$2.00 to \$5.00, starting in the 2021 season. Motion carried 7-0.

Staff will make a draft rule with the fee increase for Board to review at next meeting.

Staff also discussed the need to update the camping rules open dates from April 15th to October 15th to April 15th to October 31st due to increase camping needs for fall events. This will not increase staff work.

MSC Gaulke/Dobbertin to change Hoffman Park Campground to Open April 15th, Closing October 31st. However, water and dump station may open later or close sooner due to the weather, if necessary. Motion carried 7-0.

Glen Park Playground Donation-Pass Shareholder of the River Falls Golf Club have approached City Staff to donation approximately \$29,000 for an approved project that will be a significant impact to a project. The group would like to know the impact of the project and be assured, reflected and not just be just at the City discretion but approved as a significant donation from the group. This would need to go to City Council and could work within the confines of restricting a donation to be a specific use, after the Park board makes a recommendation to formally accept the donation.

MSC Gaulke/Downing to recommend to the City Council to accept a specific and restricted donation from the Past Shareholder of the River Falls Golf Club to be put towards the children's small playground at Glen Park. Motion carried 7-0.

Update on Sterling Ponds Disc Golf area- Jason Stroud was present to discuss the project. As Comm Dev department was starting to work on the 13-acre bluff area, working with Andrew Reese (River Falls Disc Club) into turning area into a new disc golf area ran into a few obstacles before processing. The way area was zoned it would need to go back to Planning Commission to be rezoned to be used for outdoor play use, which uncovered another issue, property traded for Hoffman Park East to for Urban Green Space grant fund which amended to build the baseball stadium. At the point the stewardship prohibits to only nature-based recreation. Staff contends disc golf fits into that category, DNR lists that activity as not. Staff has put a hold on this project and contacted the DNR to make a land change or more clarification on use and at this point has not heard back from them. Perhaps DNR should visit site to see that buckthorn is being removed and area would be open for hiking and snowshoeing could happen in area. Board will need to revisit this project in future.

OLD BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT

MSC Dobbetin/Downing to adjourn the meeting at 6:00p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindi Danke, Recreation Manager