

Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission
Council Chambers, City Hall
November 26, 2012 – 6 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m. by Chairman Hebekeuser.

Roll call was taken by Recording Secretary Marty Stinson.

Members Present: Chairman Jerry Hebekeuser; Commissioners Tim Alderman, Sherri Chavora, and Michael Espich.

Members Absent: Commissioner Jeff Selbig.

Others Present: Adam Zettel, Assistant City Manager and Director of Community Development; Robert Flynn.

Approve Agenda for November 26, 2012:

A motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Commissioner Chavora and supported by Commissioner Espich.

Ayes: all. Motion carried.

Approve Minutes from October 22, 2012 meeting:

A motion to approve the minutes from the October 22, 2012 meeting was made by Commissioner Chavora and supported by Commissioner Alderman.

Ayes: all. Motion carried.

Public / Board Comments:

Commissioner Espich stated that if he was elected chairman that he would need to leave or conclude the meetings at 6:50 because he has another obligation at 7:00. It was noted the vice-chairman could take over the meeting if he needed to leave.

Communications:

1. Staff memorandum
2. October 22, 2012 minutes
3. Park Rules
4. 2013 Action Plan

Business:

1. Officer Selection

Motion by Commissioner Alderman, supported by Commissioner Chavora to nominate Commissioner Espich for Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Ayes: all. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Espich, supported by Commissioner Alderman to nominate Commissioner Selbig for Vice-Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Ayes: all. Motion carried.

Adam Zettel is Secretary per commission by-laws.

2. Disc Golf, Trail Connector, and Splash Pad Updates

Disc Golf - Mr. Adam Zettel, Assistant City Manager and Director of Community Development stated the disc golf project is stalled for now. Commissioner Alderman is acquainted with Dorcey Crank and they are still enthused about the project. They need people and machinery to clear the area.

Trail Connector – Mr. Zettel stated there is a call for professionals to do a study for the CIS trail from the township to the River Walk Apartments. Various options were discussed.

Splash Pad – Mr. Zettel stated this has obviously been moved to the spring. Because this is designed to be modular, the DEQ is requesting more engineering information from the city. Chairman Hebekeuser advised starting to work on this again in January to expedite the process.

3. Park Rules Update

Mr. Zettel reviewed some changes. Discussion regarding vendors found that the intent is to check out their background; to have proper permits issued; and to maintain performance standards.

Motion by Commissioner Chavora, supported by Commissioner Alderman to accept the Park Rules as discussed.

Ayes: all. Motion carried.

4. 2013 Action Plan

Motion to by Commissioner Espich, supported by Commissioner Alderman to accept the 2013 Action Plan as proposed.

Ayes: all. Motion carried.

Public Comments / Board Comments

Mr. Bob Flynn said he still wanted to be able to volunteer at Hopkins Lake and had no problem with the Park Rules. He has had a couple instances with aggressive dogs on the trails around the lake. People let their dogs off the leash and he has been nearly assaulted by a couple of dogs. Mr. Zettel suggested some more signage may be needed regarding keeping dogs on leashes.

Mr. Flynn also noted there is a lot of interest in the connector trail. When it's completed it would be a great asset and groups will be invited to use it.

Commissioner Espich thanked Chairman Hebekeuser for his hard work on this board, and he looks forward to seeing him in other avenues around the city.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Espich and was supported by Commissioner Chavora. The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Ayes: all. Motion carried.

Adam Zettel, Secretary

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