

**APPROVED MINUTES
WYOMING PARK ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF WYOMING, MINNESOTA
FEBRUARY 3, 2020
7:00PM**

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Spangler called the Regular Meeting of the Wyoming Park Advisory Commission for February 3, 2020 to order at 7:00PM

CALL OF ROLL:

On a Call of the Roll the following members of the Wyoming Park Advisory Commission were present: Members Barb Williams, Bruce Spangler, Bret Ohnstad, and Claire Luger, Council Liaison

Absent: Monica Wick

Also Present: Robb Linwood, City Administrator Mayor Lisa Iverson, and Chuck Almhjeld, Public Works Superintendent

Visitors: None

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM:

Chair Spangler determined a Quorum was present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

OPEN FORUM: NONE

CONSENT AGENDA: NONE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- 1. Consider Approving the Minutes of the “Regular Meeting” of the Wyoming Park Advisory Commission for January 6, 2020**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MEMBER WILLIAMS, SECONDED BY MEMBER OHNSTAD, TO APPROVE THE PARK ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 6, 2020 MEETING.

Chair Spangler noted that there were comments that he made that were attributed to Member Ohnstad. He noted that they will need to be clear, in the future, with which of them is speaking.

City Administrator Linwood noted that he will make the necessary changes.

THE MOTION WAS AMENDED BY MEMBER WILLIAMS, AND THE SECOND AMENDED BY MEMBER OHNSTAD, TO APPROVE THE PARK ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 6, 2020 MEETING, AS AMENDED.

Voting Aye: Ohnstad, Spangler, Williams,

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Wick

OLD BUSINESS:

2. 2020 Goals and Initiatives

City Administrator Linwood noted that he had put together some preliminary ideas from the PAC for discussion at tonight's meeting. He suggested that the PAC finalize the 2020 Goals and Initiatives at this meeting so the remainder of the meetings during the year can be used to work towards the agreed upon goals and initiatives.

Member Williams stated that she agrees with what is on the list and noted that Swenson Park will most likely dictate a lot of what can or cannot be done this year.

Chair Spangler stated that he thinks the PAC should start with the 5 oldest pieces of equipment and project what needs to be done.

City Administrator Linwood stated that he believes that is a good goal and believes that the Council would support having an annual schedule for this.

Chair Spangler stated that this information will also help create a more accurate budget.

Member Williams noted that she feels one thing that has been lacking is a direction of where the PAC wants the parks to be going.

Member Ohnstad stated that he likes the idea of looking at it from the timeline of the oldest first because they will probably need updating and equipment replacement first.

Chair Spangler stated that he would like to see there be a two-tiered approach in looking at the parks that have problems as well as the oldest parks to look at what can be budgeted and the PAC priorities. He stated that he doesn't see a reason to look beyond 5 parks at a time because more than that will be unrealistic. He stated that right now Swenson Park is the first priority and Fireside will be next on the list.

City Administrator Linwood noted that staff has had some conversations with Chisago County regarding easements for the trail spur near the drinking fountain and bike repair station. He stated that this will likely be a spring project.

Member Ohnstad stated that he would like to see more community activity and have groups come in and sponsor things at the parks. He gave the example of Arts in the Park and National Night Out.

Mayor Iverson stated that she believes the Lions Club is growing and suggested reaching out to them.

The PAC discussed contacting local Scout troops about ways to work together on special projects and once they are underway, making sure it is advertised on the website.

Member Williams stated that she would like to see the City take a look at ways to have something other than a traditional park and find a way to be unique.

Chair Spangler stated that with regard to surveys, he would like to see them done in both winter and summer so the City can see the different usages of the parks.

Member Williams suggested featuring one of the parks every few weeks on the City Facebook page. She stated that in addition to getting the parks out there so people know about them, it may also serve as an indirect survey if people choose to comment on the post.

Mayor Iverson stated she would like some thought to be put into could be unique to the City. She gave examples of cities that have the World's Largest Ball of Twine or the World's Largest Walleye and

would like to find something that would be unique to the City.

Member Ohnstad asked how much of the City's business is manufacturing.

Mayor Iverson noted that it was at 30%.

Member Ohnstad stated that it would be neat to have a manufacturing display of some sort displayed in a park. He gave examples of different types of displays and information that could be in a manufacturing park.

Mayor Iverson noted that in a past meeting, the PAC had talked about the desire to have a sidewalk and biking community which seems to be gaining traction. She suggested that it may be a good idea to keep that on the list as well. She noted that the Planning Commission would also like to meet with the PAC to discuss the Comprehensive Plan and suggested that some of the walkability ideas could be discussed and included in the Plan.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 3. To Consider Resolution 20-02-01, a resolution recommending to the Wyoming City Council that they apply for the Minnesota DNR Outdoor Recreation Grant Program to receive funding for improvements at Swenson Park**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MEMBER SPANGLER, SECONDED BY MEMBER OHNSTAD, TO RECOMMEND THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE RESOLUTION 20-02-01, A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE WYOMING CITY COUNCIL APPLY FOR THE MINNESOTA DNR OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT PROGRAM IN ORDER TO RECEIVE FUNDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS AT SWENSON PARK.

Voting Aye: Ohnstad, Spangler, Williams,

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Wick

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 4. Sketch Plan – Moxness Development Group, 25903 Kettle River Boulevard (PID # 21.10582.10) and 4624 258th Street (PID# 21.10582.05)**

City Administrator Linwood noted that no action is necessary for this item, but staff wanted to make sure the PAC is aware of the sketch plan. He gave a brief overview of the proposed sketch plan and noted that the Joint Park Planning Commission met to discuss this on January 14, 2020 and agreed to cash in lieu of land dedication.

The PAC discussed potential connections and pathways in the area.

Member Reports:

City Administrator Linwood – Gave an update on Shore View Two and Aadland West.

ADJOURN:

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MEMBER OHNSTAD, SECONDED BY MEMBER WILLIAMS, TO ADJOURN THE FEBRUARY 3, 2020 MEETING OF THE WYOMING, PARK ADVISORY COMMISSION AT 7:41 PM

Voting Aye: Ohnstad, Spangler, Williams,

Voting Nay: None
Abstain: None
Absemt: Wick

NEXT MEETING:
MARCH 2, 2020
7:00PM