

Final MINUTES
WYOMING PARK ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF WYOMING, MINNESOTA
JUNE 1, 2020
7:00PM

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Spangler called the Regular Meeting of the Wyoming Park Advisory Commission for June 1, 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, Amy Buccanero, and Claire Luger, Council Liaison

Absent: Monica Wick

Also Present: Kelly Dumais, Assistant City Administrator; Lisa Iverson, Mayor; 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:

Chair Spangler noted that there was reference to Member Bob Beynon as the member not present which should be changed to Member Monica Wick.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MEMBER WILLIAMS, SECONDED BY MEMBER BUCCANERO TO APPROVE THE PARK ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES FROM THE MAY 4, 2020 MEETING, AS AMENDED.

Roll Call Vote:

Voting Aye: Ohnstad, Spangler, Williams, and Buccanero

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

OLD BUSINESS:

2. Tree Board Update

Assistant City Administrator Dumais stated that the City Council approved the recommendation that the Park Advisory Commission to serve as the Tree Board for the City. She explained that staff will continue to work on the Tree City USA application and specific work plans for the Tree Board surrounding this new role and will update the PAC at a future meeting.

3. Joint Park/Planning Commission Minutes

Assistant City Administrator Dumais gave a brief overview of the meeting last month to discuss the Preserve at Comfort Lakes project.

Member Williams stated that the goal is to have members from the Joint Park/Planning Commission actually go and view the property so they can make a better recommendation about trail location on the site.

NEW BUSINESS:

4. Park Capital Improvement Visioning

Assistant City Administrator Dumais stated that she would like the PAC to talk about some long-term ideas that the PAC would like the City to be investing in relating to park infrastructure. She gave a brief presentation surrounding Park Capital Improvement Visioning and goals for what the PAC would like the City's park system to look like.

The PAC discussed how they would describe the City's parks today and how they would like to see the parks described in the future. They reviewed some ideas that can help create a way for parks be a center for health and wellness, for conservation, and as a tool for social equity. The PAC discussed the current park maintenance budget and reviewed the age of the current playground equipment. They discussed creating a master trail plan so the City has increased walkability throughout the community.

Assistant City Administrator Dumais asked the PAC for their ideas on areas that they would like to see the City invest in for the Park system.

Member Buccanero stated that she has a few ideas for the City such as bocce courts and adult playground equipment that is focused on exercise. She noted that she plays a lot of tennis and the tennis courts at Swenson Park could definitely be resurfaced in the near future.

Member Ohnstad stated that he thinks the investment needs to be to make sure that the projects that have been started have follow through and are finished, such as updating Swenson Park and the Bee and Butterfly Park.

Member Williams stated that she would like to answer the question of whether the goal is simply to maintain the parks or be able to update them. She noted that she understands the need for maintenance but would like to be able to see things updated more frequently.

Council Liaison Luger stated that she would like to ensure that one of the top criteria that the PAC considers is looking at ADA accessibility and compliance.

Chair Spangler stated that one of the things he appreciates is the effort and support of Public Works to maintain the City's parks. He stated that he feels maintenance costs are going to get more expensive as times passes and believes the budget will need to be increased moving forward. He stated that he would like to see concrete curb be added as quickly as possible to the existing parks and believes that updating the play areas would be a good benefit to the park system. He stated that he would like see a goal of adding something to a park on a regular basis so the City doesn't go 27 years with the same equipment in place because he doesn't want the parks to always be static.

COMMUNICATIONS: NONE

Member Reports:

Member Williams – Asked if the Bee and Butterfly garden at Fireside Park had been planted.

Public Works Superintendent Almhjeld gave an overview on the plantings that have taken place and noted that

they have communicated with the grant company to ensure that it was done correctly.

Chair Spangler – Requested that the roster on the City website be updated with the correct member information now that Member Buccanero is on the PAC.

Mayor Iverson – Noted that she was at Railroad Park having lunch outside and met someone from Linwood that was there using the park. She stated that they could not find a park map at the park and suggested that this may be something the PAC should consider adding for users.

ADJOURN

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MEMBER OHNSTAD, SECONDED BY MEMBER WILLIAMS, TO ADJOURN THE JUNE 1, 2020 MEETING OF THE WYOMING, PARK ADVISORY COMMISSION AT 7:35 PM

Roll Call Vote:

Voting Aye: Ohnstad, Spangler, Williams, and Buccanero

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

NEXT MEETING:
JULY 6, 2020
7:00PM