



**South St. Paul  
Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission  
Minutes of June 14, 2016**

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission meeting was called to order by Laura Miller at 6:02 pm at Central Square Community Center.

Members Present: Ron Morgan, Laura Miller, Michael Heidelberger, Rich Dippel

Members Absent: Shawn Meck, Josh Dormady, Matt Helwig

Others Present: Chris Esser, Shannon Young, Todd Podgorski, Pat Dunn

**1. INTRODUCTIONS** – Audrey Gowan–Pickleball, Matthew Sherf–Eagle Scout

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Rich Dippel and second by Ron Morgan to approve the Minutes of May 10, 2016.  
4 Yays. 0 Nays. Motion Passed.

*Agenda moved forward to accommodate guests*

**3E. Pickleball Courts and Programming**

Audrey Gowan gave an overview of the game of Pickleball. Ms. Gowan plays in leagues and gave us some input on her experiences with the game. Ms. Young noted we do have the Conver courts striped for Pickleball. The commission discussed ways we can support Pickleball in the park system through facilities and programming.

**3F. Eagle Scout City Campsite Concept**

Matt Sherf presented his idea to place a campsite on a city-owned island south of Pigs Eye Lake. Mr. Sherf would like to create this campsite for families to get out and have the opportunity to experience camping within their communities. Mr. Dippel noted the area that Mr. Sherf would like to develop is part of the Mississippi National Park and encouraged him to find another location for his campsite idea.

**3. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Recreation Program Updates**

Shannon Young noted the Citywide Campout was a success. The South St. Paul Jaycees along with the Parks and Recreation Department come together to put on this annual event. Events were a visit from the South St. Paul K-9, South Metro Fire trucks, and a movie at dusk. Ms. Young noted the Summer Playhouse will be performing Ramona Quimby at our local parks this summer. Our Summer Playgrounds program reached its capacity with a waiting list. Decision was made to add additional staff to accommodate participants on the waiting list.

**B. Kaposia Landing Phase 1 Construction – Parking Lot Islands, Xcel Energy Install**

Chris Esser noted the islands will have river rock will be installed instead of turf due to lack of irrigation and long-term maintenance concerns. Common areas are not seeded yet but will be as the weather permits. All the signage is done on the building. Xcel Energy has completed installation of electricity to the site.

**C. McMorrow Field Lights and Shelter**

Mr. Esser noted the existing shelter at McMorrow is being discussed to possibly move to Lorraine Park. The city is not going to be reusing the existing lights at McMorrow due to the cost to remove and reinstall. McMorrow construction meeting will take place Monday June 20<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Esser will report back with timeline of McMorrow demolition and development after the pre-construction meeting.

**D. Small/Timid/Frail/Special Needs Off-Leash Dog Area Design**

Mr. Esser noted we will invite Dog Park users to a fall meeting.

**E. Pickleball Courts and Programming**

*Moved forward to accommodate guest. See page 1 for item.*

**G. Park Assignments/Visit Reports**

Commissioner Ron Morgan was happy to see a portable toilet at Northview Park. Commissioner Laura Miller asked if we could place one again at the Jefferson site. Ms. Young will get one ordered.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Kaposia Landing Future Maintenance – Pat Dunn, Public Works Director**

Mr. Dunn gave an overview of the maintenance operation for Kaposia Landing. Mr. Dunn noted he will be asking for additional staff to maintain the site. Mr. Dippel asked if there will be storage for product to maintain the fields. Mr. Dunn noted there is some storage in the main building for his staff.

**B. McMorrow Play Structure Relocation**

Mr. Esser noted he is looking into relocating some of the play structure at McMorrow to Spruce Park and Northview Park. The primary pipe and deck structure would be moved to Spruce, the swings would be moved to Northview. He will report back with more information and schedule at a future meeting.

**C. Outdoor Pool Openings and Operations**

Mr. Esser noted the pools will open June 11<sup>th</sup>. New this year will be no closing during the dinner hour from 5:00-5:30, both outdoor pools will remain open.

**5. OTHER BUSINESS** – None.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**- No further business, meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Young