



**South St. Paul
Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission
Minutes of September 8th, 2020**

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission meeting was called to order by Josh Regan at 6:03 p.m. at Central Square Community Center.

Members Present: Josh Regan, Matthew Hamilton, Ron Morgan, Cynthia Callais

Members Absent: Mike Lindamood, Lori Miller

Others Present: Chris Esser, Shannon Young, Geno Mazzali, Joe Kaliszewski

1. INTRODUCTIONS –

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Matthew Hamilton and second by Ron Morgan to approve the Minutes of March 4th, 2020. 4 Yays. 0 Nays. Motion Passed.

4. OLD BUSINESS

3A. Recreation Program Updates – Cancellations and Special Events

Mr. Mazzali mentioned that due to Covid-19 our summer programs and pools were closed. We also cancelled football in alignment with the high school due to Covid-19 and our close partnership in the football program. Also mentioned was the free concert in the park on September 18th at Northview Park from 6:00-7:30PM. The commission recommended to let the neighbors in the area know.

3B. Kaposia Landing – Phase 2 Construction Update

Mr. Esser complimented the Engineering Department on monitoring this project. The project is finished including the roadway and curbs. The city council has approved solar lighting to be installed by the Public Works Department.

3C. Doug Woog Arena Updates – Summer Report and Rink 1 Reinstallation

Mr. Esser complimented the arena on how busy and clean the rink was this summer. Also mentioned was rink 2 has been installed and we are booked with ice sales through September. The decision on high school hockey is coming October. 1 due to Covid-19.

3D. CIP Projects – Park Signs

Mr. Esser noted the signs are being installed and look great at Harmon, McMorrow, and Spruce.

3E. Wakota Trailhead & Overlook – Flap Grant 2022

Mr. Esser mentioned we have received the grant that is funded for 2021, although we do not know the amount yet.

3F. Trail Interpretive Signs Update

Mr. Esser reported the signs are designed and waiting on delivery to be installed.

3G. SHIP GRANT – Bryant Avenue Pedestrian Bridge Feasibility Study

Mr. Esser reported the SHIP grant was awarded and we have selected SRF. The study is fully covered by grant with a due date of February 2021.

3H. Park Assignments/Visit Reports

No new updates at this time.

4. NEW BUSINESS -

4A. Disc Golf Basket Sponsorship

Ms. Young reported that all 30 baskets were purchased by sponsorships for the frisbee golf course at \$500 per basket. Also mentioned was the department will offer a bid auction to sell the existing baskets. The new baskets will be installed as soon as possible.

4B. Kaposia Landing Play Structure

Mr. Esser explained the city council is debating the price. Mr. Esser also shared a picture of a playground and asked for any feedback. The commission liked the design and focus on being ADA accessible.

4C. Parks & Recreation Department Relocation Discussion

Ms. Esser explained the decrease in membership at the Community Center in recent years. Covid-19 has not helped this situation and we are looking at a deficit for the 2021 budget. Right now, we have a unique situation where Doug Woog arena has space for our department for offices.

6. ADJOURNMENT – Next Meeting: October 13th, 2020 at Central Square Community Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Geno Mazzali