

MINUTES

- (1) CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chair Carlson at 6:35 pm. New student member Grace Tuomala was introduced to members.
- (2) ROLL CALL:
Members Present: Jon Carlson, Jeanette June, Judy Iverson, Larry Schulz, Amber Huttner, Mary Larson, Kevin Roberts, Christian Pederson, Grace Tuomala
Members Absent: Teresa Gregory
City Council Liaison: Tom Gregory
Staff: Park and Recreation/Public Works Director Ann Mahnke
Others:
- (3) APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF Mya 20, 2019.
Motion by Iverson and second by June to approve the minutes as presented.
Motion carried 7– 0.
- (4) PETITIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, SUGGESTIONS OR COMPLAINTS
 - A. Schulz asked about trail priorities in the CR 43/Kirke-Lachen Park area and suggested using painted bike symbols as a simple way to provide directions between the two trails. More discussion will occur on trail priorities throughout the year.
 - B. Council member Gregory stated that CR 43 to Green Crest will be looked at during intersection improvements.
 - C. Pederson asked about needing a permit to remove buckthorn.
 - D. Roberts asked about using rip-rap on the shoreline of Wassermann.
- (5) OLD BUSINESS
 - A. Wassermann Lake Park Update and RFP
Mahnke provided members with the RFP for Design Services and Construction Management for Wassermann Lake Park that will be going out. Staff will review proposals and then interview selected firms. The schedule will be to approve a vendor in August so the project stays on track. Members asked about how the project will proceed and how it will be paid for. Mahnke stated that the concept plan will be the starting point and that the City Council approved purchasing the land using Park Funds and Franchise Fees. The park construction has yet to be determined. Carlson stated that neighbors will be included in the final design. Schulz thanked staff and the City Council for moving the project forward and doing the entire park. Council member Gregory stated that there was unanimous Council support and the relationship with MCWD is strong.
 - B. Pilot Trail Finding Project Update
Mahnke provided members with an update on the pilot trail wayfinding project with Carver County and the City of Chaska. The group is working with WSB through a SHIP grant from the county, who will provide support and will survey trail users when the signs are installed. The goal is to sign a linear trail from downtown Victoria to downtown Chaska. The survey will provide information

on whether the signage is helpful and useful. Mahnke provided a proposed sign location map and sample signage. Members were encouraged with the project and looked forward to getting the survey results.

(6) NEW BUSINESS

A. Community Garden and Garden Club Update

Huttner, June and Larson have been working on establishing a Garden Club and had the first project on Saturday. They planted flowers at the bandstand. The club will continue to draw support and members through various media (website, Gazette, Facebook, Chaska Herald, etc.) and look for other projects. The group would like to tackle the circle area in the downtown. Members discussed other areas and opportunities, especially in the downtown area.

Mahnke provided an update on additional community gardens and indicated that Holy Family was interested in the program and is willing to discuss use of there property to locate additional gardens.

B. City Council Strategic Plan – 2019-2020

Mahnke provided members with the approved City Council 2019-2020 Strategic Plan and identified areas that would be of interest to the Parks and Recreation Committee. Council member Gregory stated that the plan is aggressive and that some of the big items are developing the 13.5 acres, development south on CR 11 and trail connections. Schulz talked about the 1-2 trail connections and how this connects with the Arboretum Task Force. June stated that in the Employment Area, walking trails and open space should be included. Roberts asked about the Cr 11/10 area and including walking areas there. Carlson stated that Marsh Lake Road is another walking area that should be included with the new road. Members spent a significant amount of time discussing the trail along Marsh Lake Road. Council member Gregory stated that there are three options on the table that the City Council will discuss and decide on at the next meeting. One is a County road and two are City roads. Schulz stated that he understands the need to put in the road in the most cost-effective manner. He stated that it is likely that putting the trail in now rather than later is also more cost-effective. He stated that the City needs to look out for all the residents, and trails have been identified as a high priority. Council member Gregory asked the members if it is the preference to include the trail. Schulz asked if a motion to support the trail would be appropriate and if so, he would make one. Carlson and Mahnke stated that this topic is not officially on the agenda but providing Council member Gregory a show of support would be acceptable. A majority of the Committee members agreed and recommended that the trail go in as part of the Marsh Lake Road project.

C. Emergency Shelter Agreement Update

Mahnke provided members with agreements for Emergency Shelter at the Recreation Center for Holy Family Catholic HS, Victoria Elementary and the American Red Cross.

A motion by Roberts, second by June to recommend approval of the agreements.
Motion carried 8 – 0.

(7) OTHER BUSINESS

A. Membership Reports – June 2019

Mahnke provided updated membership numbers through June 2019.

B. News Articles Related to Parks and Recreation

C. Next Meeting Date – Monday, August 19, 2019

Members suggested having a park tour for the next meeting.

(8) ADJOURNMENT – A motion by Schulz and second by Huttner adjourn at 8:15 pm
Motion carried 8 – 0.