

***PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING – JANUARY 17, 2019
MINUTES***

The Regular Bi-Monthly Meeting of the Andover Park and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chair Lindahl on January 17, 2019, 7:07 p.m., at the Andover City Hall, 1885 Crosstown Boulevard NW, Andover, Minnesota.

Commissioners Present: Chair Jim Lindahl, Commissioners Brian Beck, Ted Butler, Angela Marinello, Mark Miskowiec, Dawn Perra, and Jake Widmyer

Commissioners Absent: None

Also Present: Parks Maintenance Supervisor, Jason Grode

OATH OF OFFICE/NEWLY APPOINTED COMMISSIONERS

Chair Lindahl administered the Oath of Office to Commissioners Brian Beck, Ted Butler, and Mark Miskowiec.

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON FOR 2019

Motion by Butler, seconded by Perra, to elect Jim Lindahl as Chairperson for the Andover Park and Recreation Commission for 2019. Motion carried on a 7-ayes, 0-nays, 0-absent vote.

Motion by Lindahl, seconded by Perra, to elect Ted Butler as Vice Chairperson for the Andover Park and Recreation Commission for 2019. Motion carried on a 7-ayes, 0-nays, 0-absent vote.

RESIDENT FORUM

No one appeared to address the Commission.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Marinello, seconded by Widmyer, to approve the December 20, 2018 Park Commission minutes as presented. Motion carried on a 7-ayes, 0-nays, 0-absent vote.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Widmyer, seconded by Marinello, to approve the January 17, 2019 Agenda Motion carried on a 7-eyes, 0-nays, 0-absent vote.

CONSIDER 2019 TOURNEMENT APPLICATIONS FOR SOFTBALL/BASEBALL

Mr. Jason Grode explained that this item is in regard to approving the softball/fast pitch and baseball tournament applications for the upcoming 2019 softball/baseball season as requested by the Andover Baseball Association (ABA) and Andover Athletic Association (AAA).

Mr. Grode invited Amy Novak, President of the Andover Baseball Association forward to address any questions from the Commissioners.

Commissioner Perra asked Ms. Novak if they took into consideration the Fun Fest when choosing tournament dates. She stated having both at the same time causes limited parking for everyone attending either event. Ms. Novak stated they did look at other dates and unfortunately moving that date collided others with holidays, so it wasn't an option. She stated they will do their best to keep the tournament short the day of the Fun Fest.

Commissioner Butler stated he would like to thank the Andover Baseball Association and Andover Athletic Association for all their hard work coordinating the many games they have through the season.

Motion by Butler, seconded by Miskowiec, to recommend the City Council approve the softball/fast pitch and baseball tournament applications for the upcoming 2019 softball/baseball season as requested b the Andover Baseball Association (ABA) and Andover Athletic Association (AAA) as presented. Motion carried on a 7-eyes, 0-nays, 0-absent vote.

CONSIDER 2019 TOURNEMENT APPLICATIONS FOR SOCCER/LACROSSE

Mr. Grode explained that this item is in regard to approving the soccer/lacrosse tournament applications for the upcoming 2019 soccer/lacrosse season as requested by the North Metro Soccer Association (NMSA) and the Andover Area Lacrosse Association (AALA).

Motion by Beck, seconded by Widmyer, to recommend the City Council approve the soccer/lacrosse tournament applications for the upcoming 2019 soccer/lacrosse season as requested by the North Metro Soccer Association (NMSA) and the Andover Area Lacrosse Association (AALA). Motion carried on a 7-eyes, 0-nays, 0-absent vote.

ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT 4TH QUARTERLY REPORT

Mr. Grode reviewed the Anoka County Sheriff's Department 4th Quarterly Report. He noted the vandalism to the score boards within the report has been repaired. He stated they couldn't do much to repair the shelter at this time, but they are going to be looking into better materials to rebuild it at a later date.

Commissioner Miskowicz asked Mr. Grode if they have thought about getting motion detection cameras. Mr. Grode stated they do have some already and have caught some vandalism as a result of them. He noted they are looking into getting more of them to put up in many more locations.

Informational; no action required.

PARK DEDICATION IMPROVEMENT FUND 4TH QUARTERLY REPORT/FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Grode reviewed Park Dedication Improvement Fund 4th Quarterly Report. He stated he could answer some questions if the Commissioners had any at this time, but they should direct any in depth questions to Lee Brezinka, Finance Manager for the City of Andover.

Informational; no action required.

REVIEW OUTSTANDING ITEMS

Commissioner Butler provided an update on the community center expansion project and noted the City Council approved to move forward with bidding for the project.

Mr. Grode reviewed outstanding items including Completed Projects, On-Going Projects, On-Hold Projects, Other Items of Interest, and the Weekly Parks Maintenance Update.

Commissioner Butler asked Mr. Grode if it possible to look into putting the lights on the warming houses on a timer so that they can stay on as long as the rinks are open. Mr. Grode stated they can look into putting some on a timer but noted it may be a liability issue to have the warming houses open without an attendant present.

Commissioner Butler stated maybe they could post signs that say something like "skate at your own risk" to avoid liability issues. Mr. Grode stated they can investigate some options.

Commissioner Butler stated the issue he is hearing about is that the rinks are open later than the warming houses so it would be nice to get them on the same schedule if possible.

CHAIR'S REPORT

No comments made.

ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING

Motion by Commissioner Miskowiec, seconded by Commissioner Marinello, to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:31 p.m. Motion carried on a 7-ayes, 0-nays, 0-absent vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Michaela Kujawa-Daniels, Recording Secretary
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