

PARK AND RECREATION WORKSHOP MEETING – APRIL 20, 2023
MINUTES

The Workshop Meeting of the Andover Park and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chairperson Widmyer on April 20, 2023 6:25 p.m., at the Andover City Hall, 1685 Crosstown Boulevard NW, Andover, Minnesota.

Commissioners Present: Chairperson Jake Widmyer, Commissioners Shane Stenzel, Jim Lindahl, , Kristin Lackie, and Liza Shafto

Commissioners Absent: Tracy Strombeck and Sophia Newtown

Also Present: Parks & Streets Operations Manager, Jason Baumunk
Others

Discuss 2024-2028 CIP Park Improvements

Parks and Streets Operations Manager Baumunk reviewed the 2021 Park Dedication Study and why those improvements are listed in that study. Mr. Baumunk also shared estimates on three possible improvement projects that were identified by the Park and Recreation Commission at the April 6th workshop. Sophie’s South Park irrigation addition, at an estimated \$22,000 plus electric service connection if needed, Hickory Meadows expanding the irrigation, at \$1,500, and paving the Hills of Bunker parking, at an estimated \$75,000-\$80,000. All of these will be included in the CIP discussions going forward.

Commissioner Stenzel asked what staff needs from the commission for adding CIP items. Staff indicated that they would like to see the commission bring forward ideas for items such as Pine Hills North. The park has a master plan with several general items indicated on that plan. Staff would like to see some ideas for actual features to add to that park. Staff will present several smaller projects to add to the CIP, such as security lighting at various parks, and the commission will try to bring some larger project ideas on how to finish some of our parks, especially the ones that already have a master plan in place.

Mr. Baumunk brought up the pickleball study that was done previously to see if the Park & Recreation Commission was interested in reviewing it again at this time as a possible CIP addition. He explained that a location on the Public Works site adjacent to the Community Center parking lot has been identified on the long-term City Campus master plan. The commission indicated they would like to see the pickle study brought to a future meeting for discussion.

Discuss May 4th Bus Tour Stops

At the request of the Park & Recreation Commission, a bus tour has been scheduled for the May 5th meeting. The goal of the tour is to visit parks that have major improvements that have been discussed for the Andover Park system. Staff would like a list of parks that the commission would like to visit on this tour. After some discussion, the commission decided on Prairie Knoll Park, Pine Hills North, Kelsey Round Lake Park, Hawk Ridge Park, the potential pickleball site at Public Works, and the skate park.

It should be noted that the audio recording for this workshop could not be downloaded.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Lindahl, Second by Commission Stenzel.
The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason Baumunk
Parks & Streets Operations Manager.