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## **Parks Commission Regular Meeting Minutes**

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Wednesday, March 9, 2022

The Parks Commission participated in this meeting at ENM City Hall. The meeting was conducted under Minnesota Statutes section 13D.021.

### **1) Call to Order & Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 PM in ENM City Hall, Council Chambers, by Chair Mike Sutton. Present at Roll Call were Chair Mike Sutton, Commissioner Dawn Vernon, Commissioner Dennis Melgaard, Commissioner Emily Dornseif, and Commissioner Sadie Miller. Also present were City Administrator Tom Terry, Senior Planner Renee Christianson, and Recreation Programmer Jessica Davidson.

### **2) Approve Agenda**

Upon motion by Commissioner Vernon, seconded by Commissioner Melgaard, the March 2022 Meeting Agenda was unanimously approved, as printed.

### **3) Citizen Comments**

Mark Bergstrom presented a request for the City to increase the number of ball fields. He also requested that the City actively pursue purchasing property for this purpose.

### **4) Approval of Minutes**

Upon motion by Commissioner Dornseif, seconded by Commissioner Vernon, the Parks Commission unanimously approved the February 9, 2022 Parks Commission Minutes, as printed.

### **5) General Business**

- a. City Administrator Tom Terry presented information and exhibits related to the potential area of impact for tree and brush removal on Pete's Hill and resulting visibility of the flag as a response to Commissioner Melgaard's suggestion of clearing vegetation to improve visibility of the flag. The council members discussed and agreed that the flag has historical significance, but split views on the value of clearing the trees and brush. The item was tabled until the April meeting so that Commissioners had time to visit the site and consider what goals they would like to achieve.

- b. Senior Planner Renee Christianson presented information about the Public Land Dedication (NE Quadrant). The council unanimously recommended moving forward with land dedication in lieu of the cash option as it aligns with the 2022 Parks Commission goals.

## **6) Updates & Reports**

- a. Recreational Programmer Jessica Davidson called the Commissioners' attention to the attached February 28, 2022, ENM Parks Commission Update, which contained 19 items. Staff is currently working on partnering with the St. Paul Farmer's Market and Scott County Historical Society. She noted that the number of community members attending the Glo Stick dance mirrored pre-covid numbers at 68.
- b. Recreational Programmer Davidson called the Commissioners' attention to the financial report. This included the 2021 Year End Report and the financial summary for February 2022. Notable in the 2021 budget was the pass-through expense for sanitation cleaning due to Covid 19, and a larger expense due to several large trees that needed to be removed from the parks.
- c. Chair Sutton attended the March Lakeville Advisory Council Meeting. The New Prague Community Ed Advisory Board is meeting on Thursday, March 10, 2022, and Chair Sutton will attend.
- d. There will be public recognition of Commissioner Dennis Melgaard and Commissioner Sadie Miller on March 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

## **7) Park Commissioner Comments**

Park Commissioner Sutton expressed gratitude to Commissioner Melgaard and Commissioner Miller for their expertise and contribution of years of service on behalf of the Parks Commission.

## **8) Next Meeting**

The next regular meeting of the Parks Commission is set for Wednesday, April 14, 2022, at 6:00 PM at City Hall in Council Chambers.

## **9) Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Parks Commission, upon motion by Commissioner Melgaard, seconded by Commissioner Miller, the meeting was adjourned by voice vote at 8:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Davidson