

CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS
Regular Meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission
City Hall
2077 West Larpenteur Avenue

AGENDA

October 7, 2019 at 6:30 P.M.

A. CALL TO ORDER:

B. ROLL CALL:

 X Walt Dunlap X Ron Eischen
 X Ryan Carlson X Mike Bradbury

 X Council Member Melanie Leehy
 X Staff Nalisha Nandkumar, Staff Liaison

C. PRESENTATION

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approval of August 5, 2019 Minutes

Dunlap 1st Motion
Eischen 2nd Motion
Motion Passed

E. AGENDA:

1. Updates

a. Curtiss Field Signage

- Curtiss Field is of great significance due to forefather Ray Miller, who was associated with flying from Curtiss Field to Washington D.C. While in Washington D.C., Miller earned the Air National Guard the title of being the first federally recognized aviation unit. The year 2021 will be the 100th anniversary in which the Air National Guard was recognized. SSgt Taylor Nielsen has approached the City with discussion of updating the sign at Curtiss Field or placing a statue with language about the military aviation history. There will be further discussion on this topic.

b. Curtiss Field Basketball Court

- The basketball court will be one of the top priorities of 2020. Due to unexpected precipitation the basketball court could not be completed.

c. Compost Site

- Environment commission has discussed a proposed compost collection site on City property. Through an agreement with Ramsey County, the County would build and install the site. Two possible locations that

were considered included the City Hall parking lot near Larpenteur Ave and at Community Park near the Community Garden. City Council will look over the proposed location. The parks commission has stated they do not think that the compost site should be placed at the park.

- d. Fall programming
 - Fall programming through Kidcreate Studio has low registration. Staff will continue to advertise the program. City is looking into contracting art programs with Kidcreate Studio for summer programming.
 - e. Rink attendants
 - Rink attendants for 2019 will need to be hired. Previous staff will not be returning. Commission has stated that rink attendants should know their duties outlined in job description. The hours that were used last year for the rink should be kept the same.
2. Policy/implementation
 - a. Parks programming cancellation policy
 - Park Commissioners talked about implementing a cancellation policy that could be in place before start of summer programming. The cancellation policy will be used as a tool for parents and staff. Summer programming of 2019 has seen a couple of class cancellations due to weather. Commissioners discussed implementing a policy that talks about precipitation chance of 60% or more resulting in cancellations. Policy will also discuss that parents should use their own judgement when weather is unfavorable. Staff will present draft at next parks commission meeting.
 - b. Resident/non-resident fee
 - Non-resident fees range between \$2-\$5 depending on the activity and City where programming is held. Based on communication with neighboring cities it would seem to be beneficial to bring back non-resident fees. Non-resident fees can add to summer programming revenue. Commissioners came to conclusion that it would be best to not incorporate non-resident fees as this promotes inclusion.
 3. Community Park Building Audit

Commissioners audited Community Park Building and looked at improvements that needed to be made.

F. INFORMATION/ANNOUNCEMENT

Next Parks Commission meeting will be January 6, 2020 at 6:30PM.

G. ADJOURNMENT: 7:25PM

Dunlap 1st Motion
Bradbury 2nd Motion
Motion Passed