

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

**AGENDA**  
May 4, 2020 at 6:30 P.M.

A. CALL TO ORDER:

B. ROLL CALL:

- Walt Dunlap
- Ron Eischen
- Mike Bradbury
- Ryan Carlson
- Jeff Yager
- Shaun Curtin

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

C. PRESENTATION

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Approval of March 2, 2020 minutes.

Eischen 1<sup>st</sup> Motion  
Carlson 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion  
Motion Passed

E. AGENDA:

1. Community Garden

- Discussion about the need for social distancing guidelines for Community Garden.
- Commission Members agreed that alternating the gardener's attendance to their plot based on the garden set-up versus the garden number was best.
- Gardeners were provided with a map of the garden. They were informed about which day (odd/even) they should tend to their garden.
- Gardeners have provided positive feedback so far. This might need to be reevaluated as the weather warms and gardens need more watering.
- Guideline #3 on the social distancing flier provided to gardeners states; "Only have one person in your plot at a time. If you are sharing your plot with anyone else, only one person can be in a plot at a time." Agreement to add "unless you are from the same household".

2. Social Distancing at Parks

- Commission agreed that physical activity is important during current pandemic.
- Courts should be opened and provide signage to promote social distancing.

- Courts are currently closed due to the congregating and lack of social distancing.
- Signs should be created that are consistent and pertain to each court (basketball, tennis, etc.)
- Subcommittees were created for research; tennis research conducted by Ryan and Mike, basketball research conducted by Ron and Jeff.
- A resident has also provided feedback and research about the opening of courts and language that should be provided in signage.
- Consider taping off playgrounds and kid friendly signage.

### 3. 2020 Events- Summer Programming

#### a. Story Time

- Pushed back to Fall 2020. Story Time could take place during Harvest Fest. This event would also promote local businesses similar to Ice Cream Social.
- Discussion about holding this event around the same time as State Fair to show what Falcon Heights has to offer.

#### b. Ice Cream Social

- Utilize Ice Cream as an event to showcase the various parks programs that are offered.
- Offer local businesses the opportunity to table the event.
- Discussion about the 2020 Ice Cream Social. Flier could be modified to address social distancing, weather and health issues.

#### c. MN Twins Youth Baseball Clinic

- This event is still planned for July 18, 2020.
- Volunteers will be needed to host the event as the date approaches.

### 4. Website Review

- Commission was asked to review the parks pages on the new website and provide feedback.
- Images of amenities at each park should be added, more information about CTC programming and more information about fillable forms (as applicable).

## F. INFORMATION/ ANNOUNCEMENT

- Elect Officers: Ryan Carlson was nominated and elected as Chair. Walt Dunlap will step down as Chair. Mike Bradbury was nominated and as the secretary/co-chair.

## G. ADJOURNMENT: 7:45PM

Dunlap 1<sup>st</sup> Motion  
 Bradbury 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion  
 Motion Passed