

**CITY OF LINO LAKES**  
**Park Board Minutes**

DATE :	March 23, 2016
TIME STARTED:	7:55 PM
TIME ENDED:	8:35 PM
MEMBERS PRESENT:	Richard Jensen, George Lindy, John Nordlund, Pat Huelman
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Andrew Levi, Clark Gooder, Matt Koehn
STAFF PRESENT:	Rick DeGardner (Public Services Director)
ALSO PRESENT:	Michael Manthey (City Council Member)

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

The March 23, 2016 City of Lino Lakes Park Board Meeting was called to order by George Lindy. New City Council member Michael Manthey was introduced to the Park Board.

**2. Setting Agenda**

The Agenda was approved as presented.

**3. Approval of Minutes from November 2, 2015**

Board Member Pat Huelman made a Motion to approve the Meeting Minutes. Motion supported and seconded by Richard Jensen. Motion was approved.

**4. Open Mike**

No one was present for open mike.

## 5. New Business

### Watermark Park Design Update

The Park Board members previously attended the Joint Meeting earlier in the evening. The Watermark Development and the trails surrounding the development were discussed at the Joint Meeting.

Discussion of the trail system surrounding the development continued. The Park Board concluded that they supported the preliminary trail plan for the 10-12 miles of internal trails within the Watermark Development. They observed that these trails will add beneficial connections to the current Regional trail in and near Centerville.

Also noted were adjustments/additions that have been made to the Watermark Park Design since the Board last approved the Master Plan in 2015.

These items include:

- \* Community Center location change to the southern portion of the park.
- \* A parking lot for the Community Center and the park incorporated into design, thus eliminating the need for the bump out on street parking area.
- \* The hard surface areas and the park shelter was shifted further to the north.
- \* Preliminary discussion now in place of a potential dock or pier near the lake overlook and picnic area.
- \* An ornamental arbor seating feature at the main entrance of the park adjacent or near a circular trail loop added as a design element.

It was mentioned that Watermark is still planning to construct the park in the first stage of construction.

When Watermark park construction is being done, the Park Board discussed making Watermark aware that they want the open space area to be graded as a flat surface for family activities. Also, to consider an additional small shelter in the other corner of the park to provide additional shade to the picnic area for a smaller group settings.

A question was asked regarding the land dedication fees. Mr. DeGardner replied that the developer will be contributing approximately 2 million dollars in park dedication fees. Of which, the sidewalks will not be credited. This will be credited for the trails

and the park land. It is anticipated that after the trails get constructed and we have been credited for the land we may have possible funds remaining.

Conceptually, the Park Board agrees to the park design.

### **NorthPoint Development Update**

Mr. DeGardner presented the current Master Plan for the NorthPoint Park. He explained, that phases 1, 2 and 3 are currently in construction. Phase 4 of construction is what will trigger the neighborhood park. That is when the Park Board will be reviewing details of the final design elements of the park. This will occur closer to the fall of 2016 or early 2017.

### **6. Recreation Department Update**

Mr. DeGardner introduced Ali Lukin-Sobolewski to the Park Board as the new Recreation Supervisor that replaced Tanya Mazingo and described her background and qualifications.

Brian Hronski and Ali Lukin-Sobolewski provided updates on programs and events that occurred over the winter months and early spring months. A print out was given to Board members to review on their own.

### **7. Parks Department Update**

Mr. DeGardner discussed he is gathering information for the City Council on the last decade of considered park and trail projects that were considered but were not completed due to lack of funds. For example, Mr. DeGardner describes a trail segment that is in need of a completed section near Park Court that spills out onto Lake Drive by the Marshan Park Building. He has requested WSB Engineering to provide an engineering and cost analysis on a 8.5 ft. wide paved trail to complete that gap in the trail segment. This will make available a current cost analysis on what a project similar to this would cost for budgeting purposes.

City Council Member Manthey added that he would like to review a list of park and trail related projects that have been put aside for the last 10 years because of the economic downfall. The City Council would then have a list to evaluate should funding become available.

The Park Board discussed creating a prioritized list of parks and trail projects.

Mr. DeGardner informed that Anoka County has included in a bonding bill a plan to extend the trail along Main Street that now ends on the 35W bridge. General engineering and preliminary plans are being made to extend that section of the trail along Main Street to Lino Lakes Elementary School.

**8. Old Business**

Park Shelter at Marshan Park was cut in the last budget discussion of 2015.

**9. Next Scheduled Park Board Meeting.**

If new business, will be held June 6, 2016.

**10. Adjourn**

Adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Submitted by,

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