

CITY OF LINO LAKES
Park Board Minutes

DATE :	July 10, 2017
TIME STARTED:	6:30 PM
TIME ENDED:	8:20 PM
MEMBERS PRESENT:	Andrew Levi, John Nordlund, Pat Huelman, Richard Jensen, Abby Haworth, Kelly Jo McDonnell
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Clark Gooder
STAFF PRESENT:	Rick DeGardner (Public Services Director) Candace Amberg (WSB Associates)

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The July 10, 2017 City of Lino Lakes Park Board Meeting was called to order by Andrew Levi.

2. Setting Agenda

The Agenda was approved as presented.

3. Approval of Minutes:

May 15, 2017

Richard Jensen made a MOTION to approve the Meeting Minutes from May 15, 2017
John Nordlund supported the MOTION. All in favor and MOTION carried.

4. Open Mike

There was no one present for Open Mike. Open Mike was closed.

5. New Business

Review Comprehensive Park Plan Process

Mr. DeGardner introduced Candace Amberg, Senior Landscape Architect from WSB and Associates. She is on hand to provide the Board with an overview of the 2040 Comprehensive Plan process as it relates to parks and trails. She will also discuss NorthPointe and Woods Edge Park Updates.

2040 Comprehensive Plan

Ms. Amberg described that she worked on the 2004 Plan update, the 2030 Plan and now she is working on the 2040 Comp Plan. She passed around a Park Plan Update and noted the meetings & engagement process to date. She stated, current public feedback has included residents saying that they value natural open space and would like more trail connections to the downtown Lino area.

Ms. Amberg discussed the Engagement Process, Survey, Community Open House, Meetings and Blue Heron Days in August. Ms. Amberg encouraged the Park Board to act as Ambassadors for this project to get as many people involved from the community as possible.

She describes this process as “reviewing key issues as it relates to the parks plan and to reaffirm goals and policies that were set in the 2030 Plan.” This includes all the GIS mapping to be updated as to be current with today’s existing conditions as well.

Pat Huelman and Andrew Levi discussed goals for more funding as it relates to items identified as goals in the new Comp Plan. Funding for Parks is currently limited. Mr. DeGardner mentioned that Grants have been more difficult to acquire and noted that at this time it would be helpful if during the Comp Plan process the community communicated to the City and the City Council that they would like general funds allocated for Parks and Trail improvement in the future.

The Board discussed the athletic facilities in our parks, and the need for more facilities for organized recreational needs, such as ball fields and tennis courts. Recreational amenities being provided to our residents balanced with the aging infrastructure of our parks is the concern. Ms. Amberg describes that this new Park Plan guide should be the document that is the guide to show our Vision for where future amenities could be located.

Ms. Amberg said that beyond the General Funding, other cities have considered Sales Tax, Park Bond Referendums, and City Franchise fees included with the Utility billing for further strategic ways to find funding for Park and Trail amenities.

NorthPointe Park Update

Currently construction activity is underway at NorthPointe Park. The Council approved the purchase of playground equipment with Northland Recreation. The installation of the playground equipment is scheduled for September 16, 2017 utilizing neighborhood volunteers and a certified playground installer. This gives 15 to 20% more equipment using volunteers. Mr. DeGardner asked the Park Board to pass along this info to any local organizations that may be interested in volunteering. Soil borings are being looked at in the area of the pickle ball courts and park shelter area at this time. Additional soil corrections may be needed.

Woods Edge Park Update

The Board was presented with two preliminary concept plans for Woods Edge Park which is in the designing phase. Ms. Amberg described each design concept to the Board.

Concept 1: Sense of Nature Design

Concept 2: Education through Exploration

The initial feedback from the Board is that they liked the natural design look and the nature design concept.

Capital Trails Projects

Mr. DeGardner made the Board aware that a list of 2018 Potential Parks and Trails Capital Projects will be going before the City Council during upcoming 2018 budget meetings. He presented them with a draft of these potential projects for review. Mr. DeGardner invited the Board to the July 31st City Council meeting.

Review Centennial School District Facility Rental Charge Impacts

Mr. DeGardner reviewed a memo that was discussed at the July 5, 2017 City Council work session related to the recent changes in fees charged to the Parks and Recreation Department by the Centennial School District. He presented a brief history of the past relationship structure with the CSD and LLPRD and provided a financial summary of programs and charges for the Fall of 2016 from CSD. Mr. DeGardner described the impact that these charges have had on our youth instructional programs such as increased field costs and moving our fall soccer from Rice Lake Elementary to other locations. He also provided a list of City Purchased Assets at CSD fields. Noted, CSD purchased three sets of goals and five bleachers. The remaining goals and bleachers were pulled, however the remainder of assets including base boxes, bases and anchors were left at CSD for community use.

The Board suggested the possible use of Lino Lakes Elementary School moving forward. They also suggested using our local parks with open space to hold different programs in these parks that kids could still be involved in but walk to from local neighborhoods.

Review Removal of Arena Acres Tennis Courts

Mr. DeGardner informed the Park Board on the decision to remove the nets and the shutdown of the court surface at the Arena Acres Tennis Courts and provided them a copy of a letter that was sent to the surrounding residents. He also informed them of an email sent from a resident of the neighborhood regarding keeping the tennis courts which questioned our decision.

Review Condition of Marshan Boardwalk

The Board will meet after the meeting at Stage Coach Trail to look at the Marshan Boardwalk to review the condition of this 20 year old section of the boardwalk.

6. Old Business

No Old Business

7. Next Scheduled Park Board Meeting

The next scheduled Park Board Meeting will be August 7, 2017 pending new business to review.

8. **Adjourn**

John Nordlund made the MOTION to adjourn, the MOTION carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Submitted by,
Heather Robinson
Administrative Assistant Public Services