

City of Lake Elmo Parks Commission Minutes June 21, 2021

Members Present: Commissioners- Weeks, Hoelscher, Kastler, and Rivera

Staff Present: City Planner- Prchal, Public Works Director- Powers

The meeting was called to order by Weeks at 6:30 PM.

Steve Schumacher has resigned. Andrew Hodges will be the new Parks Commission member.

Approval of Agenda

Agenda was unanimously approved as presented 4-0.

Approval of Minutes

Weeks motioned to approve the April 19th, 2021 Parks Commission Minutes, Hoelscher provided a second with amendment; discussion to add Hoelscher under Communications, item D. **Unanimously passed with correction 4-0.**

The May 2021 Meeting was cancelled.

Public Comments

None

Deer Hunting in Sunfish Lake Park – Washington County

Prchal provided background and went over the recommendations and conditions. Staff is asking the Parks Commission to review the County's proposal. Washington County will be utilizing Metro Bow Hunters for the population control deer hunt.

Dan MacSwain with Washington County addressed the goals and objectives, history, and park impacts. (Discussion involving Commission questions and concerns.)

Hoelscher motioned to permit the hunting in Sunfish Lake Park that staff outlined and in accordance with what has been presented by Washington County including the conditions listed with the change of not shooting into the 100 foot area and that we modify the map to exclude the area around Fire Station #2; Kessler provided a second. No discussion, motion unanimously passed 4-0.

Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

Prchal provided a presentation for the Commission. (Discussion regarding a dog park, disk golf, trails, play equipment, and park use.)

Weeks motioned to add into the CIP \$25,000 to be spend in the year 2023 for disk golf in Kliess Park, Hoelscher seconded; no discussion. Motion passed 4-0.

Kessler motioned to recommend to council that \$25,000 be set aside to establish a civic square as priority one in 2023, Rivera provided a second; unanimously passed 4-0.

Weeks recommend approval of the Parks CIP as presented with the addition of the amendment of the disk golf amenity at Kliess Park, Hoelscher send, passed 4-0.

Sunfish Lake Trail Reroute

Prchal provided background on the trail reroute. (Commission discussion with Prchal, Tim, and Tony involving the trails, mapping, and signs.)

Hoelscher motioned to approve trail reroute as show with the financial surety that the city requires and for the new maps and that overall the net trail delta zero;

Weeks provided a second. Discussion continued about the trail reroute.
Approved 4-0.

Bike Repair Station – 2nd Location

Prchal reviewed the three potential locations with the commission. **Weeks motioned to approve the location recommended near Inwood, Kessler provided a second, no discussion, approved 4-0.**

Communications

- a) Prairie in Lion's Park
- b) The new Trails and Park maps on the website is very good

Meeting adjourned at 8:54 PM

**Respectfully Submitted,
Rebecca McGuire, Deputy Clerk**