

City of Lake Elmo Parks Commission Minutes
April 17, 2023

Members Present: Commissioners Kastler, Rivera-Reyes, Hoelscher, Barrett, Bloyer, and Esch

Absent: none

Staff Present: Assistant Public Works Director Swanepoel

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

Approval of Agenda

Hoelscher motioned to approve the agenda as presented, Barrett provided a second; no discussion. Unanimously approved 6-0.

Approval of Minutes

Esch motioned to approve the March 20, 2023 Parks Commission Minutes, Hoelscher provided a second; no comments. Motion passed unanimously 6-0.

Public Comments

John Howley located at 8190 Lake Jane Trl. N. provided his concerns regarding video quality of meetings, the proposed Dog Park, and proposed changes at Pebble Park.

Suzy and Josh Godbout located at 8100 Lake Jane Trl provided their concerns regarding the state of Pebble Park and adding pickleball.

Todd Bruchu located at 3150 Klondike Ave and Lake Elmo Baseball Association representative provided a recommendation and design proposal for Reid Park.

Tony Manzara located at 5050 50th St N and Sunfish Lake Park representative commented about park activities, making special mention about the new plant a tree program.

Tablyn and Pebble Courts Bid Review

Assistant Public Works Director Swanepoel presented the background and bids. Discussion held.

Hoelscher moved to recommend to the City Council the lowest bid presented by T.A. Schifsky and Sons Inc. to complete Pebble and Tablyn Court projects as proposed, Barrett provided a second; discussion held. Motion carried 5-1, Kastler nay.

Communications

- a) ADA compliance for those proposed layouts will be mapped out this summer for completion.
- b) Donation was approved by the Council for bench, tree, and plaque or combination of.
- c) RFP was approved by Council to go out and included Pebble Park.
- d) 2023 has no CIP items for baseball.
- e) Dog Park was approved by the Council. Council asked to add a small dog park, access to running water, and add double doors/gate. That would likely bring us up to that 25,000 mark.
- f) Working on a RPF for a new Parks Use Plan.
- g) Communication strategy.

Kastler adjourned the meeting at 7:37 PM

Respectfully Submitted
Rebecca McGuire, Deputy Clerk