

**City of Lake Elmo Parks Commission Minutes**  
**May 15, 2023**

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

**Absent:** Commissioner Hoelscher

**Staff Present:** Assistant Public Works Director Swanepoel and City Planner Jensen

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

**Approval of Agenda**

**Esch motioned to approve the agenda as presented, River provided a second; no discussion.**

**Unanimously approved 5-0.**

**Approval of Minutes**

**Barrett motioned to approve the April 17, 2023 Parks Commission Minutes, Kastler provided a second; no comments. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.**

**Public Comments**

None.

**Northshore Development – Concept Plan**

City Planner Jensen presented Northshore’s Concept Plan. Discussion held regarding the trail plan, sidewalks, and safety concerns due to the traffic. Representative Matt Alexander answered commission questions in relation to the phase one (1) plan.

**Rivera-Reyes moved to recommend approval of the Northshore Development Concept Plan with the acceptance of the set fee for the commercial component of the project, the acceptance of cash in lieu of land for the residential component of the project, and to recommend a pedestrian crossing be added to connect to the existing regional trail based on the findings listed in the staff report, Esch provided a second; discussion held. Motion carried 5-0.**

**Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)**

Assistant Public Works Director Swanepoel presented the 2024-2033 CIP. Discussion held in relation to CIP project items.

**Bloyer motioned to recommend including an outdoor fitness park for \$30,000, Barrett provided a second; discussion held. Bloyer friendly amended the motion to add the outdoor fitness park to the CIP in year 2025 with a priority level of three (3), Esch provided a second. Both motions passed 5-0.**

**Esch motioned to identify additional projects to add to the 2024-2033 CIP, Barrett provided a second; discussion held. Esch friendly amended the motion to include in the CIP for year 2029 at priority level three (3) the following items with the following prices: disc golf for \$30,000, outdoor fitness equipment for \$30,000, skate/bike park for \$150,000, pickleball for \$200,000, and a central playground complex for \$300,000, in addition, recommend moving the Lions Park playground structure up to year 2025 with the same priority and dollar amount listed, Rivera-Reyes provided a second; discussion held. Both motions passed 5-0.**

**Communications**

- a) Baseball Field Updates
- b) Tablyn and Pebble Court Update
- c) Staff Updates

**Kastler adjourned the meeting at 8:38 PM**

Respectfully Submitted  
Rebecca McGuire, Deputy Clerk