

City of Lake Elmo Parks Commission Minutes
February 21, 2024

Members Present: Commissioners Kastler, Hoelscher, Esch, Elam, and Bloyer

Absent: Commissioner Barrett

Staff Present: Assistant Public Works Director Swanepoel, City Planner Sophia Jensen and Interim Administrator Clark Schroeder

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

Approval of Agenda

Elam motioned to approve the agenda as presented, Esch provided a second; no discussion. Unanimously approved 5-0.

Approval of Minutes

Hoelscher motioned to approve the January 17th, 2024 Parks Commission Minutes with correction to the year, Esch provided a second; no discussion. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Public Comments

None

SHIP Grant

Assistant Public Works Director Swanepoel presented. Commission had grant related questions.

Esch moved to recommend to City Council to accept the Statewide Health Improvement Partnership Grant in the amount of \$6,000, Bloyer provided a second; discussion. Unanimously approved 5-0.

Lake Elmo Baseball Donation

Assistant Public Works Director Swanepoel presented. Commission had questions related to reservation policy, construction, and donation.

Esch moved to recommend to the City Council to accept the donation of \$35,000 from the Lake Elmo Baseball Association for the improvements of Reid Park baseball field with the intent that it happen for the 2024 baseball season with reservations of Reid Park following existing policy, Elam provided a second; discussion. Esch friendly amended the motion to read: moved to recommend to the City Council to accept the donation of \$35,000 from the Lake Elmo Baseball Association for the improvements of Reid Park baseball field, excluding bases, with the intent that improvements be made for the 2024 season but with reservations of Reid Park following existing city policy, Elam seconded; no discussion. Amendment passed 5-0. Discussion. Motion unanimously approved 5-0.

Limerick Village Concept Plan

City Planner Sophia Jensen presented.

Mario J. Cocchiarella, owner of Maplewood Development Company, provided comments and answered questions related to the concept plan.

Elam moved to reject the acceptance of the 2.42 acres of land for a neighborhood park, with park dedication credit for trails, if acceptable, and a fee in lieu of dedication for the remainder based on the findings listed in the staff report and get closer to the 10% land per city requirement, Esch provided a second; discussion. Motion passed 3-2, Kastler and Bloyer nay.

Legends of Lake Elmo Concept Plan

City Planner Sophia Jensen presented.

Nathan Landucci of Landucci Homes Inc. commented on the concept plan.

Kastler moved to recommend the acceptance of fee in lieu of land for the Legends of Lake Elmo project with public connections to Hidden Knoll Park, 50th Street, and Tamarack Farms with up to 25% park dedication credit for trails, if applicable, based on the findings listed in the staff report, Hoelscher provided a second; discussion. Motion approved 5-0.

Invasive Species

Tony Manzara located at 5050 Kirkwood commented on the buckthorn management in Sunfish Lake Park and is in favor of having a policy for invasive species.

Assistant Public Works Director Swanepoel presented background information and Commissioner Esch provided an update. Commission discussion.

Communications

- a) Commission Handbook.
- b) Tour of Tablyn Park.
- c) Future agenda items.
- d) Planning updates.
- e) Pup Park update.
- f) Ivywood pickleball nets are currently up. That could change if the weather turns.
- g) Ice rink closed due to weather.

Kastler adjourned the meeting at 8:19 PM

Respectfully Submitted
Rebecca McGuire, Deputy Clerk