

City of Lake Elmo Parks Commission Minutes
September 16, 2024

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

Absent: Commissioner Barrett

Staff Present: Assistant Public Works Director Swanepoel

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

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

Esch motioned to approve the August 19th, 2024 Parks Commission Minutes, Hoelscher provided a second; no discussion. Motion passed 5-0.

Public Comments

Karen Baltzer, 9614 8th St., inquired about the backlog to take down city trees.

Resignation of Commissioner Bloyer

The commissioners provided words of praise and thanks to Bloyer for his time on the commission.

Elam motioned to accept the resignation of Commissioner Bloyer, Hoelscher provided a second; no discussion. Motion passed 5-0.

Lake Elmo Baseball Donation

Assistant Public Works Director Swanepoel presented. The commission had questions and provided comments regarding the score board.

Hoelscher moved to recommend to the council accepting the donation of the new scoreboard replacement for lion's ballfield from the Lake Elmo Baseball Association; Elam provided a second. Discussion. Hoelscher amended the motion to include a scoreboard similar to the one we already have; Elam provided a second. Amended motion passed 5-0. The full motion with amendment: Hoelscher moved to recommend to the council accepting the donation of a new scoreboard replacement similar to the one existing for lion's ballfield from the Lake Elmo Baseball Association. Motion passed 5-0.

Friends of Sunfish letter of Intent

Tony Manzara, representative for Sunfish Lake Park presented. The commission had clarifying questions and provided comments.

Hoelscher motioned to recommend city council support for the friends of sunfish to submit a letter of intent for the boardwalk project through the priority two settlement; Esch provided a second. Discussion. Motion passed 4-1, Kastler nay.

Legacy Development Park Name

Assistant Public Works Director Swanepoel presented the name suggestions. The commission provided comments.

Hoelscher motioned to recommend to the city council the following names to be considered as the formal names for the newly acquired property: Schiltgen Park, Sunfish East Park, and Agwadaashi Park; Esch provided a second. No discussion. Motion passed 5-0.

Park Construction

Assistant Public Works Director Swanepoel presented. The commission had questions.

Kastler motioned to recommend city council direct the city parks staff to derive a staff report to a forthcoming parks commission meeting regarding the potential development of the park land at Northstar Development before beginning construction; Elam provided a second. Discussion. Motion passed 5-0.

Communications

- a) Volleyball courts are completed.
- b) Storm clean-up update. Commission expressed their appreciation for the clean-up.
- c) Portable restrooms will be removed from sites in October.
- d) Pebble Park update.
- e) Pick a park to look at.
- f) Requesting review of park reservation policy.

Kastler adjourned the meeting at 7:42 PM

Respectfully Submitted
Rebecca Schwemmer, Deputy Clerk