

## MINUTES

### City of Lake Elmo Parks Commission

April 16, 2018

**Members Present:** Commissioners Frick, Mayek, Nelson, Nuenfeldt, Olinger, Steele, Weeks and Zeno

**Members Absent:** Commissioners Ames

**Staff Present:** Public Works Director Weldon, City Planner Prchal

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

#### **Approval of Agenda**

Weeks made a motion to approve the agenda. Nuenfeldt seconded the motion. Motion passed.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Weeks made a motion to approve the March minutes as presented, seconded by Steele. Motion passed.

#### **Presentation from Consultant on Parks Chapter of Comprehensive Plan**

Jennifer Hanscamp presented an overview and highlights of the Comprehensive Plan chapter relating to Parks.

Discussion about the system plan and then how to make it happen in the implementation phase. Discussion about serving the population and calculating parkland, coordinating with the County.

No motion needed on this item.

#### **Tennis Camp Proposal**

Prchal presented that the City was approached with a public/private partnership concept by Alex Krol, the owner of Minnesota Tennis Camps. Staff is recommending that the camp uses two (2) of the three (3) tennis courts at Pebble Park.

The condition of the Pebble Park tennis court condition was discussed. Questions regarding whether the courts would need maintenance prior to using for the camp.

Weldon explained it was not included in the budget and there would not be the ability to make these improvements prior to the camp and it would have to be used as-is for the summer. If the camp is successful, the money would go into improvements in the park in the future. If nets were needed they can purchase and install nets.

Frick made a motion to approve the proposed tennis camp as presented in the staff report, seconded by Zeno. Amended by Steele to include the money earned shall go into the park dedication fund and to track earnings, Jean gave the second. Motion passed.

### **Demontreville Ball Field**

Prchal presented that staff has talked with Mahtomedi Baseball regarding the ball field area of the park. They suggested that one field would be best due to parking and not having overlap of games.

The new field would feature multiple “anchors” to extend or shorten the baseline so that multiple age groups can use the field. They would increase the limestone areas and back fencing. There would be no outfield fencing, due to the desire to allow multiple uses of the park. Though the association is suggesting that the ball field is rotated so that home plate is closer to the parking lot, rotating the field will increase the costs to more than what has been budgeted.

Mayek made a motion to approve the staff recommendation, seconded by Steele. Motion passed.

### **Sign for Sally Manzara Nature Center at Sunfish**

Prchal updated the commission on the new sign for the Nature Center. Staff recommends adding a third bar to the current entrance sign for Sunfish instead of installing a new separate sign. Staff feels that it would be appropriate to allow the addition of a third bar to the current Sunfish Lake sign as it is an added amenity to the park and this will maintain consistency for signage.

Commission members suggested a darker color with the white would allow better readability and that putting the Nature Center sign just below the Sunfish Lake Park sign would be preferred

No motion needed on this item.

### **May Meeting Agenda**

2019-2023 CIP

Wildflower Neighborhood comments

### **Communications**

Prchal informed the Commission that the 45<sup>th</sup> parallel sign is being worked on.

Prchal informed the Commission that the Reed Park mountain biking was approved by Council.

Weldon informed the Commission that Engineering was able to go around the playground equipment at Lion’s Park. The tennis courts will still be removed and Pickle Ball courts will be installed. The sand volleyball courts will be removed and reinstalled. All pending Council approval,

**Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.**

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Tanya Nuss**