

MINUTES

City of Lake Elmo Parks Commission December 17, 2018

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

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: City Planner Prchal, Public Works Director Weldon

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

Approval of Agenda

Frick made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Nuenfeldt. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes

Frick made a motion to approve the September minutes as written, seconded by Zeno. Motion passed.

Olinger made a motion to approve the October minutes as written, seconded by Weeks. Motion passed.

Frick commented that she was absent from the November meeting. Nelson made a motion to approve the November minutes with the correction, seconded by Nuenfeldt. Motion passed.

Central Greenway Trail Plan

Conner from Washington County presented the Central Greenway Trail Master Plan and the process. He requested the Commission provide a recommendation or letter of support.

Frick asked about the cost sharing between the City and the County. She also asked about who would be responsible for the construction of the bridge across Highway 36.

Conner explained that the County requires a 50 percent cost share with the Cities. He explained that a lot of the paths are installed when road work is being done to reduce the cost of constructing the trails. He also explained that the bridge would be tied into the overall plan for the Highway 36 interchanges and that in the past the State has contributed to the construction since it is part of the State transportation system.

Weeks asked about the trail crossing the railroad. Conner explained that since this is a Master Plan, the railroad does not want to commit to a plan until the trail will be constructed, so that is why it is left open-ended.

Frick made a motion to approve the plan as presented, seconded by Olinger. Motion passed.

Parks Work Plan for 2019

Prchal explained the items on the Parks Work Plan.

Weldon spoke about getting City water out to Pebble Park at some point in the future.

Currently the well at Pebble Park needs to be tested monthly. He asked that the Parks Commission consider running the connection this year. Running water further into the park and sealing the well could be done in the future. Prchal said there is some money still available for this in the budget.

Frick made a motion for Pebble Park to install a 4 inch water service at the time of road construction and look into sealing the existing well at an approximate cost of \$20,000, seconded by Zeno. Motion passed.

Nelson made a motion to approve the 2019 Parks Work Plan, seconded by Weeks. Motion passed.

January 2019 Agenda

Select Chair and Vice Chair

Communications

Zeno asked about the progress of Lion's Park regarding the Pickleball court and if the grading was completed. Weldon explained that with the early onset of cold weather they could have installed temporary pavement. They opted to wait to keep the drainage and base that were installed and not void the warranty on the hockey boards. The final grading and paving will be completed when the paving of the road is completed in the spring. There will not be a hockey rink for the winter, but there will be a skating area once the weather cooperates. There is not a rink attendant but there is a functional restroom.

Frick commented about the good work of the Friends of Sunfish Lake Park buckthorn removal at Sunfish Lake Park. Frick asked if the piles of brush would be removed and who was responsible. Weldon explained that Public Works was removing the piles as time permits.

Nelson asked about the sign that was removed from one of the parks. Weldon explained that it was removed from the Tana Ridge Park due to a resident complaint about visibility. The sign was saved when it was removed and if it is in good condition will be reinstalled. New signs will also be added to the new parks and to Lions Park, that sign was not salvageable.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Tanya Nuss**