

# MINUTES

## City of Lake Elmo Park Commission November 21, 2016

**Members Present:** Chair Weis, Commissioners Nelson, Frick, Hartley, Ames

**Members Absent:** Commissioners Zeno, Steele, Nuenfeldt

**Staff Present:** Administrator Handt, Public Works Director Rob Weldon

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

### Approval of Agenda

Motion by Ames, seconded by Hartley to approve the agenda as amended to include trees and parking at Sunfish Lake Park and Appointments and Vacancies. Motion passed.

### Approval of Minutes

Motion by Nelson, seconded by Weis to approve the October 3<sup>rd</sup> minutes. Motion passed 3-0-2. Hartley and Frick abstained.

### Savona Park

Committee looked at the concept plan provided by the developer. Staff suggested keeping the areas for the playground equipment together for better pricing and efficiency. Discussion of safety of grouping areas. It was noted equipment would be grouped in a safe manner. Discussion of wood chips versus rubber mulch. It was noted rubber mulch was over three times the cost. The committee went over the four quotes for playground equipment. Only one bid contained the basketball court and all would have to add \$25,000 for the asphalt for the court. Tucker Pearce, Savona resident, suggested checking with the City of Savage on their bocceball court.

**Motion by Ames, seconded by Hartley to recommend up to \$150,000 for the first phase of the Savona park. Motion passed 4-1, with Weis voting no.**

### Lions Park

Handt shared the concept plan from Miller Architecture Inc. and asked if the committee could prioritize items to stay within budget or if additional public meetings would be needed. Committee had questions about the current park and what was there. They would also like to hear from more folks including Lake Elmo Baseball and the Old Village Work group. This item will return to the January agenda after inviting those folks.

### **Sunfish Lake Park Master Plan**

Staff shared comments from the MN Land Trust on the 2015 draft master plan for Sunfish Lake Park. There were comments about the length of the ADA trail and a playground. Staff shared the 2010 plan that had been approved just for Area 2. Those portions were incorporated into the new master plan. Staff will check with the MN Land Trust on natural play (tree stumps, etc.) for the open space play area.

**Motion by Weis, seconded by Hartley to recommend the changes in the master plan. Motion passed.**

Ames asked about trees across the trails since the last wind storm. Weldon said they are working on getting those cleaned up so the trails are passable. Frick asked to check with the MN Land Trust about mowing of the meadow within Area 1. Lastly, Ames asked about parking for those entering the park near fire station #2. It was noted staff would need to get better signage in place.

### **Tablyn Park temp lights and warming house**

Weis asked if we could test out temporary lights and a temporary (construction trailer) warming house at Tablyn this winter. Weldon commented that power would need to be brought in for the lights. There were questions about safety and access to the warming house.

### **Appointment and Vacancies**

Handt shared that the appointments of Hartley, Ames and Zeno would be expiring the end of the year. Hartley said she did not intend to reapply. It was further noted that Silvernale has not been at meetings for a number of months and his position should be filled.

### **December Meeting**

Neighborways Research  
2017 Work Plan  
Sunfish Lake Park Forest Management Plan  
Manzara Nature Center, if plans received in time

### **Staff Reports and Commission Update**

Tablyn improvements (lights, trail and stairs) are complete. Concrete poured at Easton Village Park.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.**

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Kristina Handt**