

**City of Falcon Heights  
Parks & Recreation Commission**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**City Hall**

Monday, June 10th

**6:30 p.m.**

ab Melissa Weber-Sanders, Chair

ab Serena Jones-White

ab Tom Keene

ab Christina Erickson

X Gordon Strom

X Mary Hannon Jacobson

X Staff Michelle Tesser

X Staff Tim Pittman

X Council Liaison Chuck Long

1. Call to order- 6:33pm
2. Approval of May 13 meeting minutes- Approved but no quorum
3. Welcome New Parks and Recreation Commissioner Liz Asmus and Dave Thomas
4. Deb Wiswell, 1543 Iowa Ave

Deb Wiswell discussed Curtiss Field concerns with the commission.

The commission decided to:

1. Plan a Park Tour to go to each park and hear concerns from residents including Curtiss Field on August 12<sup>th</sup>.
2. Order a sign with language similar to the one at Community Park that asked those using the basketball court to be courteous of neighbors during late hours.

5. Discussion on Park Playgrounds Inspection Results  
Tesser had to discuss the agenda item from May 13<sup>th</sup> because no quorum existed in May but unfortunately there was no quorum for June 10<sup>th</sup> meeting so the issue will need to go in front of the commission in July's meeting.

Refer to May 13<sup>th</sup> minutes for details

6. Request to Council for Designation of funds to Park Budget for Future Improvements

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Tesser updated the commission on the League's ability to provide an audit of the playground. The league of MN Cities represents cities in a lot of areas including safety. The commissioners agreed to pursue this option.

7. Pickle Ball at Grove

In the Spring Newsletter Tesser asked if people were interested in Pickle Ball to call her. She has been taking down people's names. So far there is 10 interested people. To purchase equipment the cost would be upward of \$750. Tesser asked if the commission thought that this amount was feasible with the lack of interest.

Because of the lack of a quorum at the Commission meeting, no decision could be voted on. Refer to May 13<sup>th</sup> minutes for details.

8. Update on Spring/Summer Program Enrollment

Tesser had to cancel 6 classes for low enrollment. The total amount of June/July programs that are running are 26 classes (not included: Babysitting Clinic).

9. Update on Summer Event Planning

Movie in the Park is Friday, June 21. We went with a new vendor this year that offers an inflatable movie screen 12x12 and they offer better sound quality. The movie has been ordered from Swank.com. So far we have 6 current campsites reserved for a total amount of \$35.00. We will continue to advertise to get the word out. If it does rain we will try and have the movie screened in the Community Park building.

Other summer events coming up: Parents Night Out, Friday July 19<sup>th</sup> and ICS Thursday, July 25<sup>th</sup>

10. Public Works Report:

Pittman discussed street sweeping project, sidewalk replacement, (2) seasonal hirers, sanitary sewer clean/televised.

11. New Business

Tesser received the \$500.00 check from the Lions club toward the Community garden fence approximate cost of total fence \$4,500.

Commission discussed revamping the Friends of the Park donation fund at the Ice Cream Social. Commissioners suggested having volunteer commissioners at a table. Commissioners also added that they would like to implement a process of online payment. Tesser will look into this possibility.