

City of Lake Elmo Parks Commission Minutes
May 20, 2024

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

Absent: none

Staff Present: Assistant Public Works Director Swanepoel

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

Approval of Agenda

Barrett motioned to approve the agenda, Hoelscher provided a second; no discussion. Motion approved 7-0.

Approval of Minutes

Elam motioned to approve the April 15, 2024 Parks Commission Minutes, Hoelscher provided a second; no discussion. Motion passed 6-0-1, Kastler abstained.

Public Comments

Diane Polasik at 14400 N 94th Street in Stillwater and Mark Wetzel at 4880 39th Ave. S. in Minneapolis, provided comments regarding the benefits of community centers and proposing the potential development of one in the area. They also promoted the benefits of the Cimarron Community Garden for interested residents.

Parks Master Plan

Anna, Boulton and Menk representative, provided background information and presented the Master Plan. The Commission had questions, provided comments and proposed edits.

Barrett moved to recommend the Parks Master Plan draft to the City Council for approval, Hoelscher provided a second; discussion. Motion passed unanimously 7-0.

Lions Park Ice Rink

Assistant Public Works Director Swanepoel presented the current conditions of the court and options for repair. Commission questioned rink materials and possible use in other park locations.

Hoelscher motioned to table the ice rink for two meetings and directed staff to bring back other options, in addition to the two listed, including the use of maintaining the multipurpose with the liner and with the possibility of including the pleasure rink or putting these in other locations, Bloyer provided a second; discussion. Motion passed unanimously 7-0.

Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

Assistant Public Works Director Swanepoel presented. The Commission had questions, provided comments and suggested edits.

Hoelscher motioned to approve the 2025-2034 Capital Improvement Plan with the addition of the multiuse park for \$100,000 in 2026, the baseball multi-sport facility in 2029, and new pavilions to be named later in 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029, and 2030; Barrett proved a second. Discussion. Esch friendly amended the motion to add a line item for Invasive Species Management for \$25,000 in 2026, Hoelscher provided a second; amendment passed 6-0-1, Bloyer abstain. Discussion. Motion passed 6-0-1, Bloyer abstained.

Communications

- a) Pickleball court update.
- b) Dog park grand opening invite.

- c) Tablyn Park parking lot update.
- d) Barrett inquired about lighting, the fence gap, nets, and parking at Pebble Park.
- e) Bloyer resignation in August.

Kastler adjourned the meeting at 9:06 PM

Respectfully Submitted
Rebecca McGuire, Deputy Clerk