

City of Winsted
Park Commission Work Session
City Hall - Lewis Room
Monday, February 13, 2017
5:00 p.m.

Park Commission Members Present: Mr. Steve Ebert
Ms. Evelyn Fowler
Ms. Cindy Racette
Mr. Steve Stotko (Council Liaison)

Park Commission Members Absent: Mr. Tim Fury

Staff Present: Mr. Tom Ollig, Council Member
Mr. Daniel Tienter, City Administrator
Ms. Amanda Zeidler, Deputy City Clerk

1) Call the Meeting to Order

Mr. Steve Ebert called the Work Session to order at 5:05 p.m.

2) City Administrator Update and Announcements

Mr. Dan Tienter provided an update regarding the following items:

- Ice Skating Rink
- Dog Waste
- Denis M. Campbell Field Improvements
- Westgate Area Trees and Brush
- Vacant Park Commission Position

Mr. Ebert stated that he has received comments from parents regarding the basketball court located in the Weinbeck Field complex. He stated that someone has been hanging from the rims of the hoops and they are bent. Mr. Tienter stated that he will speak with the Public Works Department to fix or order new rims.

3) Park System Master Plan Update

Mr. Tienter provided a list of various civic groups and associations who use the park system the most. He stated that City staff is in the process of contacting and scheduling time to discuss the Park System Master Plan, and to allow each group to provide comments. Mr. Tienter stated that it is likely that he will try to hit the larger, more active groups, but it is the wish list City staff would like to contact. Mr. Tienter asked the Park Commission to contact him if there are any groups that should be added to the list. He stated that the plan is to meet with approximately half of the groups, and then schedule a public hearing. Mr. Tienter added that the public hearing may not be held during an actual Park Commission Meeting.

4) Winsted Lake Fountain Proposal

Mr. Tom Ollig, Council Member, reviewed funding efforts, storage, and installation for a lighted water fountain in Winsted Lake with the Park Commission. He noted that the fountain would be installed north and east of the existing dock so it can be viewed from Mill Reserve Park and the Lakefront Promenade. Mr. Ollig also provided an update regarding the electrical requirements and installation.

Mr. Ollig stated that donors for the project have asked that any excess funding be placed in a fund and used for future maintenance and operations costs specific to the fountain. He asked if one (1) of the Park Commission members would be willing to attend a meeting on behalf of the Park Commission with other groups that have an interest or requirement for the project. Ms. Evelyn Fowler volunteered to attend the meeting.

Mr. Ollig stated that he hopes the fountain will be installed on or around May 1, 2017 and acknowledged the timeline to order, manufacture, and deliver the proposed fountain.

Mr. Tienter provided additional information regarding storage, installation, and removal from the lake in the fall. He stated that the Public Works Department may have room to store the fountain. Mr. Tienter added that these costs would be the equivalent of a nearly six percent (6%) increase in the Park fund.

Mr. Ollig and Mr. Tienter concurred that some of the costs will be cleared up as the City moves forward to determine storage fees, operations and maintenance, et cetera.

5) Adjournment

Ms. Fowler made a motion to adjourn the work session. Ms. Racette seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

The work session adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Daniel Tienter

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City Administrator
City of Winsted

ATTEST:

Amanda Zeidler

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Deputy City Clerk
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