

City of Winsted
Park Commission
May 12, 2009
5:30 p.m.

Present: Park Commission Members
Amanda Alguire
Lyle Kritzeck
Kurt Landin
Kimberly Moen
Bonnie Quast – Council Liason

Absent: Monica Hertzog

Staff Present: Brent Mareck
Raquel Kirchoff
Jamason Stotko

1) Call the Meeting to Order

Mareck called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Mareck welcomed new Park Commission members and stated that Alan Fleischacker has resigned from the Park Commission which requires the Park Commission to appoint a new chairman.

Alguire motioned to appoint Lyle Kritzeck as the Park Commission Chairman. Moen seconded. Motion carried.

2) Approval of Minutes

Alguire motioned to approve the minutes from the November 12th, 2008 Park Commission meeting. Landin seconded. Motion carried.

3) Park Maintenance Report

Stotko reported on the following:

- Replaced worn out swings
- Water is on at the park bathrooms
- Volleyball nets are up
- Bleachers are in place
- Parks have been sprayed for weeds

Alguire mentioned that she noticed that the Barrett Park shed was unlocked and a bed mattress/boxspring was in the shed. Stotko stated that the shed remains unlocked so the various ball teams can use it and that it is possible that the bed materials are used to drag the fields, but he would check into it further.

4) Old Business.

a) Mill Reserve Park – Restroom Satellite

Mareck reviewed the options that the Park Commission discussed in 2008 regarding the satellite restroom to be placed in Mill Reserve Park. He summarized that the satellite will be provided by Mini Biff out of Hutchinson, and the low quote received to complete the concrete slab was \$597. The cost to complete the project, including screening, should be less than \$1,000 which will be paid through the City Hall project fund.

Landin motioned to complete the satellite project for Mill Reserve Park as presented, Alguire seconded. Motion carried.

b) Park Signage

Mareck explained that due to Local Government Aid (LGA) cuts, the updates to park signs that were discussed in 2008 will not be completed in 2009.

5) New Business

a) Linden Connection and 1st Street North – Trail/Sidewalk Connection

Mareck explained that the lowest quote to place a sidewalk on Linden Avenue, that will connect the new clinic sidewalk to 1st Street North, was received from Birkholz Concrete. He explained where the sidewalk will be placed and also stated that the total price of the project will be \$11,596, which will be offset by St Mary's commitment to pay 20% or \$2,319.

Discussion centered on the existing trees along the new sidewalk area, and whether or not to keep or remove them, how far the sidewalk would be placed away from the trees, maintenance of the branches that would overhang onto the sidewalk, and any problems that could occur to the sidewalk because of the roots of the trees. No issues were discovered from this discussion and the Park Commission did not favor removing the existing trees.

Kritzeck motioned to recommend approval of the placement of a sidewalk on Linden Avenue that will connect the new clinic sidewalk to 1st Street North to the City Council. Alguire seconded. Motion carried.

b) Kingsley Trail Connection

i) Signage – Mareck distributed a flyer with “proposed city trail signage, kiosk and sponsor program” to place signage along Kingsley, directing people to the Luce Line Trail, that has a total cost of approximately \$4,440 but that sponsorship would help pay for. The Herald Journal will solicit for the sponsorships. The Park Commission decided to review the designs and discuss the proposal at their next meeting.

6) Other

Commission members mentioned that the picnic tables at South View Park need to be re-painted, the basketball court lights were lit until midnight, and a chain link swing in Northview Park was broken. Mareck responded that he would ask Public Works to address these issues.

Mareck stated that the Park Commission will meet monthly through the summer and he would like to see them focus on each park for future planning to budget for any equipment needs or replacements.

Kritzeck asked when the city would expect to complete the trail section from 3rd Street to CR1. Mareck stated that there were still decisions to be made on the fencing and the basketball court that coincide with this trail and that the funds are not currently available but this section of trail is a high priority on the trails plan. Once the Linden sidewalk and the Kingsley section are completed, sometime in the future, this trail is the next highest in priority because it is needed to connect the crosswalk on CR1, which will give people on the west side of CR 1 walking access to the grocery store and a connection to the downtown area.

7) Adjournment

Moen motioned to adjourn the meeting. Landin seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Raquel Kirchoff
Administrative Assistant