

**PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
CITY OF RAMSEY
ANOKA COUNTY
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

The Ramsey Park and Recreation Commission conducted a regular meeting on March 12, 2015, at the Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey, Minnesota.

Commission Members Present: Chairperson Shane Bennett
 Commissioner Andrew Fyten
 Commissioner Richard Chubb
 Commissioner Thomas Mobry
 Commissioner Jon Trappen

Commission Members Absent: Vice-Chair Bridgett Barr

Also Present: Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Mark Riverblood

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Bennett called the Park and Recreation Commission meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

2. CITIZEN INPUT

None.

3. APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Fyten, seconded by Commissioner Chubb, to approve the Park and Recreation Commission meeting agenda as presented.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chairperson Bennett, Commissioners Fyten, Chubb, Mobry, and Trappen. Voting No: None. Absent: Commissioner Barr.

4. APPROVE MINUTES

4.01: Approve Park and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Mobry, seconded by Commissioner Chubb, to approve the following Park and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes:

- 1) Park and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes dated February 12, 2015.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chairperson Bennett, Commissioners Mobry, Chubb, Fyten, and Trappen. Voting No: None. Absent: Vice-Chair Barr.

5. COMMISSION BUSINESS

5.01: Recommend Certain 2015 Parks Capital Improvements

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood presented the capital improvement projects that are ready to move forward in 2015 including monuments for The Draw and Elmcrest Park, a drinking fountain with pet station and mister for Woodland Green, and a trail connection along Trott Brook from Variolite to Brookfield. He recommended that the Commission move forward these projects to the City Council.

Chairperson Bennett stated that it is great to see that the Commission is in a place to move forward on these items.

Motion by Commissioner Mobry, seconded by Commissioner Trappen, to recommend City Council approval of the Parks Capital Improvements consisting of the monuments for The Draw and Elmcrest Park, the drinking fountain for Woodland Green Park, and the Trott Brook Trail connection; consistent with the 2015 Capital Improvement Plan.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chairperson Bennett, Commissioners Mobry, Trappen, Chubb, and Fyten. Voting No: None. Absent: Commissioner Barr.

6. COMMISSION / STAFF INPUT

6.01: Commission / Staff Input

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood referenced the Mississippi Skyway, noting that there had been technical difficulties at the last meeting and therefore he was unable to play the video clip that was partnered with the Federal grant application, noting that the City requested \$550,000. He played the video clip for the Commission.

Chairperson Bennett commended Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood for his efforts on the video and stated that he is excited for the project to begin.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood stated that he was also excited by the proposed pedestrian bridge and connectivity that it will provide. He advised of funds already received for the project from other agencies—adding that the video is available on the City website for viewing.

Riverblood mentioned that the skating season is now complete with the onset of the warm weather. He recapped the skating season, noting that 5,281 persons were counted using the rinks during the 2014 winter season during the staffed times. He also reported that the City was able to replace the chairs that had served their useful life at the parks center building. He advised that parks and facilities are available for rental use, and encouraged interested residents to contact Mary Jo Warner at City Hall, adding that she is doing an outstanding job of administrating the program. He stated that Anoka Ramsey Athletic Association (ARAA) has reported that their

registration numbers continue to remain relatively consistent with the exception of lacrosse, which continues to grow. He stated that in the past ARAA received approval to construct two batting cages at Alpine Park and noted that the project will be complete this spring and ready for use. He reported that the baseball teams have begun fundraising with a goal of \$50,000 for upgrades to some of the fields at Central Park. He commended that ARAA continues to be a great association for the City to work with. He reminded business owners and other associations that there are still sponsorship opportunities available for the summer series at The Draw.

Chairperson Bennett thanked staff for the updates. He stated that the series at The Draw have continued to grow in activity and attendance. He also thanked ARAA for all of their contributions and to Mary Jo for her continued support. He reminded residents that the Commission will meet at different parks in Ramsey during the summer months and encouraged residents to provide input on a park they may want the Commission to visit. He advised that the meeting locations will be printed in the *Ramsey Resident*.

Commissioner Mobry stated that he received positive feedback from a Coon Rapids resident in regard to the high quality of the ice in Ramsey.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Chubb, seconded by Commissioner Fyten, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried.

The Park and Recreation Commission meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Riverblood
Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent

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