

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

The Ramsey Park and Recreation Commission conducted a regular meeting on March 14, 2019, at Ramsey City Council Chambers, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW.

Commission Members Present:      Chair Shane Bennett  
                                                 Vice Chair Brandon Sis  
                                                 Commissioner Jennifer Leistico  
                                                 Commissioner Russell Bayer  
                                                 Commissioner Jon Trappen

Commission Members Absent:      None

Also Present:                              Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Mark Riverblood

**1.      CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Bennett called the Park and Recreation Commission meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**2.      CITIZEN INPUT**

None.

**3.      APPROVE AGENDA**

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

Motion carried.    Voting Yes: Chair Bennett; Commissioners Leistico, Sis, Bayer, Trappen.  
Voting No: None.    Absent: None.

**4.      APPROVE MINUTES**

**4.01:    Approve Park and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes**

1) Park and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes dated February 14, 2019.

Motion by Commissioner Bayer, seconded by Commissioner Trappen, to approve the Park and Recreation Commission meeting minutes from February 14, 2019, as presented.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chair Bennett; Commissioners Bayer, Trappen, Leistico, Sis.  
Voting No: None. Absent: None.

## **5. COMMISSION BUSINESS**

### **5.01: Nominate Chair and Vice-Chairperson of the Park and Recreation Commission**

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood provided an overview of the nomination process, noting there will be 3 vacancies on the Commission, with the announced resignation of Commissioner Trappen.

Motion by Commissioner Bayer, seconded by Commissioner Trappen, to re-nominate Shane Bennett as Chair, and Brandon Sis as Vice-Chair of the Park and Recreation Commission.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chair Bennett; Commissioners Bayer, Trappen, Leistico, Sis.  
Voting No: None. Absent: None.

### **5.02: Affirm 2018 Photo Contest Winners**

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood noted that 2018 was the second year of the photo contest, with 81 entries and 15 photographers entering the contest. Several categories were available to contest participants. He displayed the photographs of the grand prize winner as well as the first place and runner-up in each category.

Chair Bennett thanked all the participants and entrants for the amazing photographs.

Motion by Commissioner Leistico, seconded by Commissioner Sis, to affirm the 2018 Photo Contest Winners.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chair Bennett; Commissioners Leistico, Sis, Bayer, Trappen.  
Voting No: None. Absent: None.

### **5.03: Consider Park and Recreation Outdoor Meeting Schedule**

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood provided an overview of the proposed 2019 outdoor meeting schedule, as follows:

- May: Ford Brook
- June: Elmcrest Park
- July: Pearson Park
- August: The Draw
- September: Rivers' Bend Park

Chair Bennett stated he is open to the list as presented.

Motion by Commissioner Sis, seconded by Commissioner Bayer, to approve the Park and Recreation Outdoor Meeting Schedule as presented.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chair Bennett; Commissioners Sis, Bayer, Leistico, Trappen.  
Voting No: None. Absent: None.

## **6. COMMISSION/STAFF INPUT**

Park & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood reported that the 2019 concert series calendar is almost completed. Additionally, a double-sided sign will be installed at Pearson Park that discusses the value of nature-based play. The ribbon-cutting may happen in July, concurring with the Commission meeting on site.

Commissioner Trappen stated he has enjoyed his time on the Park and Recreation Commission and wished the members well.

Chair Bennett thanked Commissioner Trappen for his years of service on the Commission.

## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Commissioner Trappen, seconded by Commissioner Leistico, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chair Bennett; Commissioners Trappen, Leistico, Bayer, Sis.  
Voting No: None. Absent: None.

The Park and Recreation Commission meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Mark Riverblood  
Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent

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