

NOTE: THIS IS NOT AN OFFICAL MEETING DUE TO LACK OF QUORUM – NO ACTION WAS TAKEN AT THIS MEETING

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

The Ramsey Park and Recreation Commission conducted a regular meeting on January 10, 2019, at Ramsey City Council Chambers, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW.

Commission Members Present: Chair Shane Bennett
Vice Chair Brandon Sis
Commissioner Jennifer Leistico

Commission Members Absent: Commissioners Russell Bayer and Jon Trappen

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. He noted that due to lack of a quorum, an official meeting will not take place. All agenda items will be tabled until the February 2019 meeting. Instead, Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood will provide an informal overview of the 2018 Summer Event Series.

2. CITIZEN INPUT

None.

3. APPROVE AGENDA

This item was tabled until the February 2019 meeting.

4. APPROVE MINUTES

4.01: Approve Park and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

This item was tabled until the February 2019 meeting.

5. COMMISSION BUSINESS

5.01: 2018 Summer Event Series Recap

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood thanked the sponsors and community for supporting this popular concert series program. He noted that concert series participation is tracked by the number of participants. That is useful information as the City thinks about the success and popularity of the bands and planning for future years. In 2018, approximately 4,027 people attended the entire concert series. That number depends each year on the weather, and this year saw two rainouts, which is unusual in one concert season.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood then recalled the bands who performed throughout the 2018 series: Rino (450 participants); RoadHouse Blue (409 participants); A Hard Day's Nights, which was a Beatles tribute band, (683 participants); Ponzi Scheme (653 participants); Magic Sunshine Band was rained out; Darlene and the Boys was rained out; Porcupine Creek (262 participants); Mostly Cash (900 participants); Holy Rocka Rollaz (615 participants); Divas Through the Decades, which was more of a dance ensemble with pre-recorded music, (500 participants); and GB Leighton, which was part of the Trott Brook benefit (1,750 participants).

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood then acknowledged and thanked the following sponsors for making this concert series happen: Ramsey Lions Club; Rotary Club of Ramsey; Parkview Apartments; The Kitchen; Bolton & Menk; The Bank of Elk River; City of Ramsey Foundation; Coborn's; Trott Brook Financial; Connexus Energy; Village Bank; Killebrew; Erhart & Elfelt; and City of Ramsey. He noted that in 2019, new speakers will be added to help with the music sound to the crowd.

Chair Bennett encouraged the public to attend the 2019 concert series. It is a wonderful way to meet other members of the community, and it is a great ambiance and lots of fun. He thanked all the sponsors, especially the City of Ramsey Foundation and noted that this concert series has come such a long way since it began.

Chair Bennett also asked when the 2019 concert dates will be published.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood responded that this past week, the City Council authorized the hiring of a recreation specialist to help this community in terms of recreation programming and serving residents. Part of her initial responsibilities will be to secure the bands for 2019 and begin marketing.

6. COMMISSION/STAFF INPUT

This item was tabled until the February 2019 meeting.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The Park and Recreation Commission meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Riverblood
Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent

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