

**MAHTOMEDI PARKS COMMISSION
MINUTES
June 19, 2019**

A Park Commission meeting was held on Wednesday, June 19, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Public Works Facility.

Present were Commissioners: Chair Charlesworth, Commissioner Metz, Commissioner Fischer, Commissioner Lindberg and Commissioner Thompson

Also present were: PW Director, Bob Goebel; PW Office Asst., Jeannie Novak and WSB Landscape Architect, Candace Amberg

Absent: Vice Chair Eldredge, Council Liaison Deans and Mahtomedi Community Ed Director, Cathy Wyland

AGENDA

Upon motion by, Commissioner Fischer; seconded by, Commissioner Lundberg all members voting in favor, the agenda was approved as presented.

MINUTES

Upon motion by Commissioner Metz, seconded by Commissioner Fischer, all members voting in favor, the May 15, 2019 Park Commission meeting minutes were approved as presented.

STAFF REPORTS

Director Goebel gave a brief update on current public works activities.

Streets Maintenance Potholes are extensive throughout the City, crews are patching at least 3 days a week. Residents are encouraged to call Public Works with pothole complaints.

2019 Street Reconstruction Projects: **Echo Lake** Reconstruction project is moving along, the first two phases are complete. **CSAH 12** project is still in the utility phase, about 2 months behind schedule. The Library will be closing July 20th @ 5 PM, demolition and reconstruction will begin in early August. The District Ed Center will be hosting the library through the construction of the new library

Parks & Trails: All of the parks are open and being used heavily on a daily basis. The dock and bouys are in at the beach and the lifeguards have started. **Katherine Abbott Park** has gotten new way finding signage as part of an Eagle Scout project. **Chautauqua Park** has been staked and grading will begin Monday, June 24th. **Echo Shores Trail** that was torn out a couple years ago will be repaved as part of the Echo Lake Project. **Lake Links Trail** extension project includes the addition of a trail in the Right of Way on the west side of Hwy. 244 from Maple Street to Neptune Street, including a rectangular flashing beacon at the crosswalk at Neptune Street. Also, a trail extension will be constructed from Streetcar Park north to Briarwood Avenue including preparations for the installation of a walking bridge that will be donated and will go across Depot Creek. Finally, the trail on Briarwood Avenue will lead to and continue north on the old Burlington Northern Railroad bed to the Dellwood City limits. Construction will begin in August.

Utilities: Spring Hydrant flushing is complete. We will be testing for water flow and pressure in areas. New meter installs are going well, we have installed 1381 meters with many more on the schedule.

Stormwater: A 48" stormwater culvert under Hwy. 244 (Wildwood Rd.) just south of Birchwood Road failed and created a sinkhole in the center of the road. MnDOT has completed this repair.

OPEN FORUM

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Update - Parks Master Plan – Pheasant Run Park

WSB Landscape Architect, Candace Amberg held a brief discussion of where this project stands. Below are the next steps in the process.

1. Site quote package:
 - a. Some removals
 - b. Concrete pavement
 - c. New trail segment
 - d. New backboards and nets for court
 - e. Bike rack
 - f. Sent to several general contractors
 - g. Quotes due by June 25th
 - h. Estimated at approximately \$40,000
2. Playground design quote package:
 - a. Sent to several playground vendors
 - b. Utilizes the State Contract
 - c. Quotes expected by June 27th
 - d. Estimated at approximately \$65,000
3. Court resurfacing
 - a. City will be contracting directly with contractor
 - b. Estimated at approximately \$6,200
4. Work by City
 - a. Benches
 - b. Tables
 - c. Dog stations
 - d. Trash & recycling
 - e. Relocate restroom enclosure

b. Update - Playground Donation SW Park

Director Goebel stated that he met with the Markovitz's and so far they have raised about \$55,000 of the \$100,000 funding needed for Aaron's Playground. They are also planning a large fundraiser that is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, September 15th and may include food trucks and a bouncy house.

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c. Update - Mahtomedi Skate Park Initiative

Back in November 2017, Mahtomedi Residents Ben Ludwigson and David Huso gave a Power Point presentation regarding the possibility of adding a concrete skate park to an existing park in Mahtomedi. Director Goebel stated that Mr. Ludwigson has an update for the Commission but was unable to attend the June meeting. Mr. Ludwigson sent his extensive update via email that in a nutshell says they are working with several companies that will be donating material and money towards the approximate \$300,000 project. Mr. Ludwigson also mentioned that there is currently a bill in the legislature that would provide grants for skate parks in Minnesota if passed and the Mahtomedi Skate Park Initiative would certainly apply for this grant when and if it becomes available.

NEXT PARK COMMISSION MEETING

The next Park Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 21, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Public Works Facility.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by, Commissioner Fischer, seconded by, Commissioner Metz, all members voting in favor, the meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Jeannie Novak

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