

**BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, 2016 – 6:00 P.M.
CITY HALL, MEETING ROOM 2A**

Meeting was called to order by President Ann Esarco at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: President Ann Esarco, Alderman Doug Skates, Lynn Hassler, Barbara Hartigan, David Quickel, John Swanson and Mayor Al Kupsik. Absent: Peggy Schneider, Brian Olsen, and Secretary Daniel Winkler
Also Present: Street Department Foreman Waswo and City Administrator Oborn. Public Present: Chris Schultz and Josh Moore.

Approval of Board of Park Commissioners meeting minutes from June 1, 2016
Swanson/Hartigan motion to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

Comments from the public limited to 5 minutes
None.

Permits/Park Donations

President Esarco explained there was a permit request from Adam Young for a 1st birthday party to be held July 30th, 2016 at Seminary Park pavilion from 9:00am-7:00pm. It is not open to the public and there will not be admission fees. The estimated attendance is 40 people. They will not be setting up a tent or having animals present.
Skates/Hartigan motion to approve the permit. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion on Park Assignments/repair update/maintenance

Dave Quickel noted he had several people call him regarding the dog park. He was told that the City is dumping the remains from the Riviera at the dog park and it is causing a huge problem. Street Department Foreman Waswo explained when the rebricking was done at the Riviera all the fill that was dug out was taken to the dog park to fill in areas. There was debris in it. The intention is to come in with top soil to cover it. They are trying to rake out the debris. Mr. Oborn suggested it was to be clean fill but it was not. Mr. Skates asked if the City went back to Humphrey's for anything. Mr. Waswo said he was told to dump it there. Mayor Kupsik questioned why it was dumped there in the first place. Mr. Skates said it will be taken up at Public Works. Ann Esarco added she was approached by someone who said there were loose bricks by the play structure at Veteran's Park. She looked before the meeting and did not see anything. She explained that there is a timber that is loose. She also stated there were empty liquor bottles by Donian Park and notified a Police Officer. She and the Police Officer cleaned them all up. She added she feels opposed to fire pits being used there. Alderman Skates commented that there were 50 conversations about grills. Apparently there were people at Library Park that were thrown out for grilling. He also witnessed an Officer asking someone to stop grilling at Flat Iron Park. Ms. Esacaro added she did not see a place for coals at Donian Park. Mr. Oborn noted it will not be added until the ordinance passes. Mayor Kupsik stated Donian Park is a good alternative for grilling. Alderman Skates suggested displaying 'no grilling' signs. Mr. Oborn added that grilling is a problem.

Mr. Quickel also noted he saw kids playing near the tunnel at Donian Park. He asked if there was anything that can keep them from going into it. Mr. Skates said he would look into that. Ms. Esarco added she would like to thank Mr. Waswo and the Street Department for the work they did cleaning up the entrance of the Four Seasons Nature Preserve.

New Business

Discussion on new park on Manning Way

Alderman Skates explained if you turn at the nursing home and drive straight to the bike path it is the stretch of land that goes behind the houses. There is access from the road. The subdivision has really filled up, and there are a lot of young kids there. He said he was told by Dan Winkler it could be around \$20,000 or \$30,000. Mr. Skates would like the City Arborist to go over there to see what invasive species are present. The land across the street also is 10 acres of potential park land as well. The land is in the township but the City owns it. Mr. Waswo added there is an island in the middle of the Basso subdivision that is park land. He said it is about a quarter acre. Mr. Skates said the first step is to clear out the land by Manning Way. He suggested having a workshop for the public to come in and give ideas. Alderman Skates asked staff to put together an incremental playground budget from \$10,000 to \$30,000 as well as land clearing cost.

Discussion on Brunk Pavilion handrails and no skateboarding sign

Mr. Oborn noted the City did a preliminary approval on the 13th for the ordinance due to damage to the railing. The City Attorney is still working on the ordinance to limit it to ‘no skateboarding’.

Ms. Esarco added that she would like to add a bench at Fermano Park. The old benches that were at the Riviera in front of Gage have been refurbished. They may be able to be put out there. Mayor Kupsik asked if they could be put in the ground. Mr. Waswo said a pad could be poured or they could put them on skids.

Old Business

Update on the Sculpture Park from Alderperson Chappell

Update not given.

Future meeting agenda items

Alderman Skates requested to discuss the Manning Way Park again as well as the Flat Iron Park ordinance. Ms. Hassler requested discussing the dog park clean up.

Adjournment

Skates/Hartigan motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously at 7:07pm.

/s/ Stephanie Gunderson, Assistant City Clerk

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