

1. Roll Call

Park Board members in attendance included Jack Acomb, Nelson Evenrud, Chris Gabler, Cindy Kist, Peggy Kvam, Marvin Puspoki, and Elise Raarup. Staff members in attendance included Jo Colleran, Darin Ellingson, Dave Johnson, Mike Pavelka and Perry Vetter.

Chair Raarup called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

Gabler moved and Kvam seconded a motion to approve the meeting Minutes of March 2, 2016 as submitted. All voted "Yes". Motion carried

3. Citizens Wishing to Discuss Items Not on the Agenda

None

4. Business Items

A. Recommendation of projects for the 2017 – 2021 Capital Improvements Program

Perry Vetter, Assistant City Manager, provided an overview of information to be covered. He noted that annually, the park board is asked to review and recommend the park and trail related items that are included in the Park and Trail Improvement Fund (PTF) portion of the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) to the city council. He added that the CIP is the city's five-year plan to provide and maintain public facilities for the citizens and businesses of Minnetonka, balanced against constraint of available resources. Vetter noted that during the March park board meeting, staff presented a draft of the proposed projects and received feedback from the park board and residents. Vetter indicated that the 2017 - 2021 CIP is being proposed for review and comment by the park board. He requested that the park board establish a clear-cut, prioritized list of capital projects to be used by the city council in finalizing its CIP tax levies.

Vetter asked the board to consider the following questions:

- Does the park board wish to add any projects to the proposed CIP (funded or unfunded)?
- If funding is not available for the proposed projects, in what order should the projects be delayed or moved to unfunded?
- Does the park board wish to delete any projects in the proposed CIP?

Vetter proceeded with a presentation that reviewed project pages for the following:

Upcoming and continuing projects: Including Burwell House improvements, athletic fields, park investment plan, Purgatory Park project, Shady Oak Beach improvements, Ridgedale Park project, trail rehabilitation and connections. Vetter indicated that the park board was interested in moving up the Ridgedale Park improvements from 2019, but indicated that this work is dependent upon road construction projects that are scheduled separately.

Trail Improvement Plan: Vetter reviewed 2016 guidelines for trail link prioritization and a map that indicated trail priority rankings. He added that including all requests, estimates to complete the work range from \$18,250,000 to \$65,000,000.

Vetter closed by reviewing new projects that included pickleball, Opus area park improvements, Robinwood park improvements and a request from Bennett Family Park (BFP) for financial assistance.

Regarding pickleball, Sara Woeste, Recreation Services Programs and Special Events Manager, provided a summary of current pickleball demands in the community. She noted that while Minnetonka has 8 non-dedicated courts at Meadow Park, Minnetonka remains one of only two area comparable sized cities that does not have dedicated pickleball courts (St. Louis Park the other). She reviewed options for adding new courts at Lone Lake Park and for converting tennis courts at Meadow Park, and indicated that staff would continue to collect cost data and resident input regarding both possible options.

With respect to BFP, Vetter noted that staff has included the \$206,000 request as unfunded until the council has a chance to review the request. Vetter indicated that the same held true with the Robinwood neighborhood park request where \$105,000 is listed as unfunded.

Vetter asked for park board member questions and comments.

Puspoki indicated that he listed the BFP and pickleball expansion as high priorities. Kist agreed with Puspoki. Puspoki added that a third item on his list of priorities is the lighting of the soccer field at Lone Lane Park.

Kvam noted that staff had included funding for pickleball expansion in 2018 and asked why this was not included in 2017. Vetter responded that cash flow was restrictive and at this point didn't allow for the project in 2017 without something else being moved back. Kvam added that if constructed at Lone Lake, she preferred the lower level location due to the lack of tree loss that would be required.

Kvam noted trail segment # 67 (Jane Lane – Baker Road to County Trail and Dominick Drive) listed on the unscheduled/unfunded listing of trails, and suggested that it not be considered because it requires access through wetlands. Vetter indicated that this would be constructed using board walks similar to those included on the Jidana and Headwaters segments. He noted that the project was viable but included as a low priority. Kvam indicated that she would be supportive of keeping it listed.

Raarup indicated that she concurs with previous comments supporting funding for BFP and pickleball.

Hearing no further comments, Gabler, noting his affiliation with BFP, moved and Kist seconded a motion to recommend to the city council the park and trail projects as submitted by staff for the 2017 – 2021 Capital Improvements Program, with the exception of the request by Bennett Family Park; and to move the pickleball project up in the schedule as early as possible. All voted “Yes”. Motion carried on a 7-0 vote.

Kvam then moved, and Evenrud seconded a motion to recommend to the city council inclusion of the Bennett Park funding page for the years 2018 – 2022. Acomb, Evenrud, Kist, Kvam, Puspoki, and Raarup voted “Yes”. Gabler abstained. Motion carried on a 6-0 vote.

5. Park Board Member Reports

Raarup and Kvam noted that they both attended a recent discussion on the required update to the city’s comprehensive plan and informed staff that they would both like to be considered for involvement in the process as residents and park board representatives.

6. Information Items

In addition to the information included in the meeting packet, Johnson distributed an excerpt from the city’s comprehensive use policy related to the scheduling and use of athletic fields in Guilliams Park as had been requested by board member Kvam.

7. Upcoming Park Board Agenda Items

The upcoming 6-month schedule included in the meeting packet was reviewed. No changes to meeting dates or times were made.

8. Adjournment

Raarup adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.