

**MAHTOMEDI PARKS COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 19, 2020**

A Park Commission meeting was held on Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at the Public Works Facility.

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

Also present were: PW Director, Bob Goebel, PW Office Asst., Jeannie Novak; Mahtomedi Community Ed Director, Cathy Wyland, Mahtomedi Community Ed Intern, Stephanie Berwald; Council Liaison Schneeweis, WSB Landscape Architect, Candace Amberg; Mahtomedi Resident, Cindy Rasmussen; Mahtomedi Resident, Franz Reisdorf, Mahtomedi Resident, Sarah Reisdorf; Mahtomedi Resident, Scott Bettlach

Absent: Vice Chair Eldredge

**AGENDA**

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

**MINUTES**

Upon motion by Commissioner Metz, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, all members voting in favor, the January 15, 2020 Park Commission meeting minutes were approved as presented.

**STAFF REPORTS**

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

**Streets Maintenance** Public Works crews have plowed 13 times in January, using about 49 tons of salt. Snow piles have been removed 4 times from downtown. Brine making is ongoing, we've been experimenting with a new product which has been quite successful. We've been able to reduce our salt usage even more with better results. Vehicle maintenance and repair has kept our mechanic busy.

**2020 Street Reconstruction Projects:** Preparation for the 2020 construction season is in full speed. It will be our busiest year ever. The stormwater pond dredging project is nearly complete. The contract has been awarded for the Birchwood Rd. reconstruct project. Bid opening for the Dahlia reconstruct project is scheduled for February 25<sup>th</sup>, for Bevins, Bichner, Talahi project is March 12<sup>th</sup> and for the Phase 4 Historic District project is March 26<sup>th</sup>. **CSAH 12 Project:** Sidewalks and trails will be complete this Spring. **Hwy 244:** 244 has been turned back to the county. Reconstruction will take place in the Spring, a new, bigger culvert will be installed. There will be a crosswalk with a flashing beacon at Aldi with a median in the center. **Parks & Trails:** Plans and specs are complete for the Hallam Park reconstruct as well as Aaron's Playground, bids will go out on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. The new Washington County Library is really starting to take shape. **Utilities:** New water meter installs are ongoing as well. As of today, we have installed 1995 meters or 83%. Well #6 is out for maintenance and should be back online in the coming weeks. The contract has been awarded for the 2020 Sewer Lining Project.

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**OPEN FORUM**

Mahtomedi Resident, Cindy Rasmussen held a brief discussion regarding her desire to start a group of people who would volunteer to help beautify areas around the City. She asked for the support of the Commission members who fully support her idea. Commissioner Thompson asked if she has been in touch with the Mahtomedi Garden Club and Ms. Rasmussen stated that she plans to reach out to them but wanted to speak with the Parks Commission first. Director Goebel stated that he would be in contact with her to set up a meeting with our PW employee who handles all the gardens in Mahtomedi for her input on what our needs are.

Mahtomedi Community Ed Director, Cathy Wyland introduced Stephanie Berwald, she is an intern working with her. Mahtomedi Community Ed Director, Cathy Wyland stated that a new Community Ed Director has been hired, her name is Katie Anderson and she will be starting at the end of March. She also stated that the joint meeting between school district and the City went very well, a lot of things were discussed including Safe Routes to School and vaping. She also stated that they are adding striping to the basketball courts at OH Anderson and 2 Pickle ball courts.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Female Scout Eagle Scout Project at Veterans Memorial Park** – Sarah Reisdorf, along with her father, Franz Reisdorf and her Eagle coach, Scott Bettlach; held a very lengthy discussion and thorough power point presentation about her idea for a memorial brick path from the arbor to the memorial. The Park Commission members agreed that this is a very honorable and great idea for her eagle project and give their full support.

**Upon motion by, Commissioner Fischer; seconded by, Commissioner Lindberg, all members voting in favor to support Ms. Reisdorf's Eagle Scout project at Veterans Memorial Park and directed her to make her presentation to the City Council.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a. Update – Aaron's Playground SW Park** – WSB Landscape Architect, Candace Amberg held a brief discussion regarding the approved concept plan, equipment design and the concrete donation for the playground. The tentative schedule is to have the final design package in March and the bid/quote package in April.
- b. Update - Hallam Park Improvements** – WSB Landscape Architect, Candace Amberg held a brief discussion regarding changes in the overall layout from the original master plan due to utilities. She provided documents showing the changes that need to be made and after a brief discussion the commission members are receptive to the new layout concept. Commissioner Fischer asked if a drinking fountain could be added by the well house or somewhere in the park. Director Goebel stated that he would check into the cost adding a drinking fountain.

**Upon motion by, Chair Charlesworth; seconded by, Commissioner Thompson, all members voting in favor to accept the changes of the Hallam Park playground design layout.**

**NEXT PARK COMMISSION MEETING**

The next Park Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at the Public Works Facility.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion by, Commissioner Fischer, seconded by, Commissioner Lindberg, all members voting in favor, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

*Jeannie Novak*

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