

**MAHTOMEDI PARKS COMMISSION
MINUTES
May 16, 2018**

A Park Commission meeting was held on Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at Triangle Park.

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

Also present were: PW Director, Bob Goebel; PW Office Asst., Jeannie Novak; Community Ed. Director, Cathy Wyland

Absent: Vice Chair Eldredge, Council Liaison, Tim Deans and City Administrator, Scott Neilson

AGENDA

Upon motion by, Commissioner Fischer; seconded by, Commissioner Lindberg 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 April 18, 2018 Park Commission meeting minutes were approved as presented.

STAFF REPORTS

Director Goebel gave a brief update on current public works activities. He stated that the water main is going in on Crocus, Hickory & Birch, residents have temporary water. The north end sewer lining is almost done from Doover to half way up Quail, water main will be started after. The crew has slowed down installing new water meters to catch up on mowing, fertilizing and weed control. The park bathrooms are open and irrigation is on except Chautauqua. 3 seasonal employees have been hired and will start at the end of May. Commissioner Fischer asked to please mention to the summer employees to try to not blow grass into the flower gardens when mowing.

A play structure replacement budget is being put together for all parks. City Administrator Nielson would like an agenda for park rehab from the commission. For example, Hallam needs new trails, fence and sport court.

Director Goebel stated that the Stillwater Road project will take place next year. The State is going to give us Hwy. 244 from Triangle Park to the Dellwood line. Bonds were sold for \$7 million and the City got a great interest rate. Echo Lake streets and trails will be replaced next year.

Park bathrooms are all open and irrigation is on except at Chautauqua, Hickory project should be done by July 1st. Will be spraying weeds by the end of the week or Monday at the latest.

OPEN FORUM

Commissioner Fischer talked about her meeting with Director Goebel and that they walked all of Triangle Park and came up with a plan for this summer to enhance and beautify it.

Community Ed Director, Cathy Wyland informed the group that the summer brochure is out and the search for a new superintendent is complete. After interviewing 6 candidates hopefully Mahtomedi's new superintendent will be Barb Duffrin, Executive Director of Education Services in Farmington and her main focus will be the levy. The Mahtomedi School Board is working with her on a contract.

She also stated that the District Ed Center gym is being remodeled, a new floor will be put in and new equipment will be purchased. New roofs were put on the field dugouts and Community Ed purchased a bus with a grant from the Lions to help with transporting students to various events.

a. Appoint Parks Chair & Vice-Chair

Upon motion by, Commissioner Lindberg; seconded by, Commissioner Fischer all members voting in favor, Commissioner Eldredge was named Vice-Chair of the Parks Commission.

Upon motion by, Commissioner Lindberg; seconded by Commissioner Fischer, all members voting in favor, Chair Charlesworth was named Chair of the Parks Commission.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Fed Ex

Bill Castle has said that Fed Ex will adopt Long Lake Road and are still open to the idea of a dog park. Director Goebel has left messages with Dan Boedecker regarding working on an agreement with the City.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Rite of Spring

Chair Charlesworth stated this event was well attended. Director Goebel stated that 20 tons of medicine was turned in to be destroyed by Washington County and next year the even may possibly be held at Wildwood Elementary.

NEXT PARK COMMISSION MEETING

The next Park Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 20, 2018 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 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Jeannie Novak

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