

**MAHTOMEDI PARKS COMMISSION
MINUTES
September 19, 2018**

A Park Commission meeting was held on Wednesday, September 19, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at Public Works.

Present were Commissioners: Chair Charlesworth, Vice Chair Eldredge, Commissioner Metz and Commissioner Lindberg

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

Absent: Commissioner Fischer and Council Liaison Deans

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Upon motion by Commissioner Metz, seconded by Commissioner Lindberg, all members voting in favor, the July 18, 2018 Park Commission meeting minutes were approved as presented.

STAFF REPORTS

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

Street Maintenance: the cul-de-sacs have been fog sealed in areas that were seal coated. Street sweeping and pothole patching is ongoing and the pavement marking is nearly complete. Director Goebel stated that a crosswalk is being installed at OH Anderson on the south end where the sidewalk meets Warner Ave.

2018 Street Reconstruction Projects: Phase III of the Historic District should be complete within the month, the restoration in the ditches and boulevards is complete. Will be paving soon as weather cooperates. The Hickory St. Reconstruction is complete and has been signed no parking on both sides of the street. The Briarwood/Quail project is moving along smoothly although slow. The utility work is complete, paving of the wear course has begun. Dwinnell Ave. and Morgan St. construction has also begun. Surveying of utilities has begun for the Historic District Phase III project.

Parks & Trails: The lifeguards are done at the beach and the docks and buoys will be removed soon. Football and Lacrosse have taken over the fields. Gardens are being divided, transplanted, cultivated and winterized.

Utilities: The new water meter installation project is ongoing, as of today we have installed 850 meters with many more on the schedule in the near future. Annual sewer root cutting is complete. Sewer cleaning and televising of District 1 will begin in the coming weeks. Hydrant flushing will begin October 1st.

Director Goebel also informed the commission that the CSAH 12 project is moving along, we are done with our part of the project and said installing the pipe in the ground may conflict with the library reconstruction project. He also stated the 2019 budget is almost complete and is pending Council approval in December.

STAFF REPORTS con't.

Director Goebel also stated that the Hockey Arena group (Rink II Corp.) gave a brief presentation at last night's City Council meeting. They have an agreement to lease the land for \$1 a year for 20 years. 3 of 5 council members are onboard with the project. The cost is between \$11 - \$14 million dollars that is being paid through the Rink II Corp., donations and fundraisers. The facility is about 57,000 square feet, 1 sheet of ice and about 1200 seats.

Vice Chair Eldredge asked when the crosswalk lights are going to be complete at Hwy. 244 & Ash St. across from 4 Seasons. Director Goebel said the WSB and Xcel have a meeting on Oct. 10th to discuss setting a new pole for the electrical.

Chair Charlesworth asked about filing a complaint with the Rice Creek Watershed District about the stakes at Chautauqua Park because nothing has been done for 2 years and that has taken away from it being used by the residents. Director Goebel stated that it's not the RC Watershed but the contractor for the project and he will contact them to remove the stakes. The contractor is supposed to regrade to redirect water runoff to keep it from entering the lake. Director Goebel also stated that the construction project at Park & Hickory is going well, a hydrodynamic separator is going there but the homeowners there are also doing a large project and their contractor is doing a great job so he's letting them move their project along first.

OPEN FORUM

Community Ed Director, Cathy Wyland informed the group that the Zephyr wind project stats are online and provided a flyer to show it works and generates power. More information can be found at <http://mahtomedigreen.org/projects/zephyr-wind-turbine/>. She also provided a flyer regarding the Operating Levy that will be on the ballot at the upcoming election in November. This Levy will be replacing an expiring Levy in the district. More information about the taxpayer impact, community meetings and reasons for the levy can be found at www.mahtomedi.k12.mn.us > Administration. Community Ed Director, Cathy Wyland wanted to thank the City and Public Works for their involvement with the Big Truck Extravaganza which was a great success. She also stated that the gym at the District Ed Center is being redone with a new floor, a permanent playground and repainted.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. None**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Update - Memorial Park Benches, Picnic Tables and Pavers**

Director Goebel stated that it has been decided to delay this idea until next summer because the City is putting in 18 decorative street lights as part of the CSAH 12 project, there is no cost to Mahtomedi as we receive State Aid but 8 of these lights Willernie is responsible for but they are not a State Aid city so a fundraising effort is going to made to help pay for their portion which is approx. \$36,000.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS con't.

b. Update - 5 Year Parks Capital Improvement Plan

The City Council approved the 5 year CIP for Parks and to fund the Parks Fund \$50,000. A contract has been signed with WSB to start the planning process for Pheasant Run Park and Wildwood Park this fall. Candace Amberg, WSB Landscape Architect will hold a neighborhood meeting possibly in Oct. or Nov. to get input from the residents as to what they would like to see happen in those parks. \$140,000 has been budgeted for this project.

c. Update - Lake Links Trail

Councilmember Wolgamot has been allowed to put up a few signs on the trail. Different plans are in the works for the Birchwood Road portion of the trail and the reconstruct of Lost Lake Ct. We have the funding so the project will probably start in 2019 with Maple & Neptune connection and the Briarwood & Dwinnell connection. Working on a grant for the Streetcar Trail – discussing where to put it with the possibility between Zachman's & 4 Seasons to Fir St. Councilmember Wolgamot brought a gentleman from Australia to discuss the possibility of donating \$40,000 to the boardwalk project in Katherine Abbott Park.

d. Update - Katherine Abbott Invasives

Great River Greening is handling the invasives at Katherine Abbott and are planning to do a controlled burn around the end of October. We are in year 3 of a 10 year agreement to control the invasives. Director Goebel informed the group that he has an eagle scout that would like to do "You Are Here" maps throughout KA Park and plans to rebuild the flower boxes in front of the building.

e. Update - Emerald Ash Borer

At the Environmental Commission meeting EAB was discussed and it is coming. EAB has been located in White Bear Lake near Buerkle Road. Trees need to be treated every 2 years and should begin marking the trees we want to save now. Director Goebel stated that YTS has terminated their forestry contract and that SavATree will help out residents with recommendations in the interim until a new forester can be found

NEXT PARK COMMISSION MEETING

The next Park Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the Public Works Facility.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by, Commissioner Lindberg, seconded by, Vice Chair, all members voting in favor, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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