

**MAHTOMEDI PARKS COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
JANUARY 15, 2020**

A Park Commission meeting was held on Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at the Public Works Facility.

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

Also present were: PW Director, Bob Goebel, PW Office Asst., Jeannie Novak; Mahtomedi Community Ed Director, Cathy Wyland and Council Liaison Schneeweis

Absent: Vice Chair Eldredge, Commissioner Fischer

**AGENDA**

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

**MINUTES**

Upon motion by Commissioner Lindberg, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, all members voting in favor, the November 20, 2019 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 December, using about 102 tons of salt. Snow piles have been removed twice from downtown. Brine making is ongoing.

**2020 Street Reconstruction Projects:** Preparation for the 2020 construction season is in full speed. It will be our busiest year ever. **Parks & Trails:** The beach access for the ice fisherman has been very busy. **Utilities:** New water meter installs are ongoing as well. As of today, we have installed 1920 meters or 80% two years ahead of schedule. Well #6 will be pulled for maintenance in the next two weeks, Well #5 will be put in the lead.

**OPEN FORUM**

Mahtomedi Community Ed Director, Cathy Wyland stated that the winter/spring brochure is out and they are working on the summer brochure. She also stated that they are working on the strategic plan on the building and department level. Cathy also told the Commission members that she is retiring on March 3<sup>rd</sup> and they will be interviewing for her replacement at the end of January.

Council Liaison Schneeweis stated that she attended the strategic meeting and is learning a lot.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a. Skating Party** – was held on Sunday, January 12, 2020 from Noon – 3 PM. Chair Charlesworth stated the party was well attended, the weather was decent and public works did a great job. The new company that hosted the hayride was great, Peter was a great guy, very friendly and engaging. Chair Charlesworth also stated the ice was in great condition and had a suggestion that maybe next year one rink could be for pleasure skating only.
- b. Hallam Park Improvements** –The City Council approved the project at their December meeting. WSB Landscape Architect, Candace Amberg has the design and survey already started.
- c. Safe Routes to School – Warner Ave S** – sidewalk or trail from OH Anderson to Bevins with a flashing beacon at the crosswalk at OH and a sidewalk from Warner Ave. S. to Glenmar on the south side of 72<sup>nd</sup>. A trail will be on the west side of Warner Ave. to Bichner. The school district and the City have a joint meeting scheduled February 13th regarding this project. PW Director Goebel stated that there is grant money available for this project and needs to be at a \$250,000 project to apply for the grant. The grant deadline is in March.
- d. Update – Pheasant Run Park** - The basketball court and benches will be installed in the spring and a small natural playground will be built in house in the spring as well. Great River Greening is wanting to do a pollinator project possibly in Pheasant Run park.
- e. Update – Aaron’s Playground Event Fundraiser SW Park**  
The funds raised so far are \$95,000 with an additional \$20,000 committed. The Markovitz’s expect to present the money to the City Council at their March meeting. The markovitz’s are working on a design with WSB Landscape Architect, Candace Amberg, who is donating her services. There will be a dedication sign and ceremony inside the playground hopefully in July.

**NEXT PARK COMMISSION MEETING**

The next Park Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at the Public Works Facility.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion by, Commissioner Thompson, seconded by, Commissioner Lindberg, all members voting in favor, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

*Jeannie Novak*

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Jeannie Novak, PW Office Assistant