

**MAHTOMEDI PARKS COMMISSION
MINUTES
APRIL 20, 2022**

Vice Chair Costello convened the Park Commission meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 20, 2022.

Present were Commissioners: Commissioner Fischer, Commissioner Charlesworth, Commissioner Metz, and Commissioner Thompson

Also present were: PW Director, Bob Goebel and Council Liaison Melander

Absent: Chair Lindberg, Commissioner Strehlow, Mahtomedi Community Ed Director, Kate Anderson and PW Office Assistant, Jeannie Novak

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Upon motion by Commission Metz; seconded by Commissioner Charlesworth, all members voting in favor, the March 16, 2022 Park Commission meeting minutes were approved as presented.

STAFF REPORTS

Director Goebel gave a brief update on current public works activities. Public Works Crews have begun flushing hydrants and cleaning up the parks. Street sweeping is complete. Sewer cleaning and televising of District 2 will begin this week. **2022 Construction Projects** – The **storm sewer improvements** project along **Lincolntown Avenue near Old Wildwood Road** should be starting soon and will solve ongoing flooding problems related to the adjacent ponds. **Wildwood Road (CSAH 12)** from Century Avenue to Veterans Memorial Park has begun, this is a Washington County project and updates are posted on their website. Expect new replacement curbing, sidewalks, trails and paving throughout the project. **Director Goebel** briefly updated the commission on Lake Levels – We are still able to water as the federal case is still tied up in the courts. Deer Population – This year's survey resulted in 117 deer which up from 99 last year. Katherine Abbott Stoop – The front stoop at Katherine Abbott is being reconstructed and should be complete around the first week of May.

OPEN FORUM

Mahtomedi Community Ed Director, Kate Anderson via email - Things are plugging away for summer in Community Ed. We are tentatively hosting our first Food Truck Friday this coming Friday if the rain holds off at the District Ed Center from 4:30 - 7 pm.

We are looking for a contractor to replace and repair the aglime on the fields at the DEC.

Rite of Spring is this Sat. from 10 - 1 pm at Mahtomedi Middle School. We have over 20 organizations for the Resource Fair and D&D Goodies Food Truck will be there too.

Our next Community Luncheon is May 2 from noon to 1 pm at the District Ed Center. If the weather cooperates it will be outside and Kirkwood BBQ is providing food and Gary LaRue will be performing. Cost is \$12. Registration is required at [Community Lunch/Kirkwood's BBQ and Music from Gary LaRue - Mahtomedi Community Education \(eleyo.com\)](#)

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Council Liaison Melander briefed the commission on things going on at City Hall, she stated that the council has a strategic planning session coming up in May and she is going to discuss the possibility of an ice arena as several people have approached her about it. She would also like the contact name and number for FedEx to discuss a possible dog park. **Commissioner Thompson** asked if Council Liaison Melander could discuss a skate park and mountain bike trails at the planning session. And asked about a volleyball court at the DEC and if something could be put in the newsletter about reminding people to pick up after their dogs. Council Liaison Melander also asked about the possibility of the hockey rinks being turned into pickle ball courts in the summer.

Vice Chair Costello asked about rescheduling the Dwinnell Nature Area Trail walk.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. **Baseball Assoc. Improvements Update** – **Director Goebel** stated that the baseball association is working to get dugout covers and batting cages installed at Wildwood Park and batting cages installed at Southwest Park and thinks it would be a good idea for the commission to make a motion to support these improvements.

Upon motion by Commission Thompson, seconded by Commissioner Fischer, all members voting in favor to recommend the City Council approve the Baseball Association Improvements of dugout covers and batting cages at Southwest Park and Wildwood Park.

- b. **Lighting at Veterans Memorial Park Update** – **Commissioner Fischer** stated the lighting options she has found and **Director Goebel** stated that lighting is something that can probably happen in the future, we will need council approval and most likely black sky friendly lighting. Will talk about it during the upcoming council planning session.
- c. **Basketball Court at Wedgewood Update** – **Director Goebel** stated that we have received the quote but may have to wait until next year to complete as the funds are not in this years budget.

NEXT PARK COMMISSION MEETING

The next Park Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at Public Works Facility.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by, Commissioner Metz; seconded by, Commissioner Charlesworth, all members voting in favor, the meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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