

**MAHTOMEDI PARKS COMMISSION
MINUTES
MAY 17, 2023**

Chair Lindberg convened the Park Commission meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 17, 2023.

Present were Commissioners: Thompson, Strehlow, Metz and Fischer

Also present were: PW Director, Bob Goebel; PW Office Assistant, Jeannie Novak

Absent: Vice Chair Costello; Council Liaison, Lilly Melander; Mahtomedi Community Ed Director, Kate Andersen

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 Commissioner Metz; seconded by Commissioner Strehlow, all members voting in favor, the February 15, 2023 Park Commission meeting minutes were approved as presented.

STAFF REPORTS

Director Goebel gave a brief update on current public works activities. All the parks are open, street sweeping is complete and crews have begun flushing all the hydrants. Chair Lindberg asked about the park signs and Director Goebel stated that they are almost done being painted and will be installed soon. He also asked about the trail lights and Director Goebel stated that the lights are complete and we are just waiting on the programming timer and plan to plant flowers around the base of the bollards. Commissioner Fischer stated that the hanging baskets look really good.

OPEN FORUM

Kate Andersen, Community Ed Director was not able to attend but wanted to the Commission members to know that they have been very busy working on the Safe Routes to School plan.

Chair Lindberg asked about the trail behind Roma's now that it has been sold. Director Goebel stated that he will find out information about the future of that trail for the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Arbor Day Tree Planting** – The Park Commission members planted a Yellowwood Tree at Southwest Park near Aaron's Playground.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. **Pickleball Court Update** – Director Goebel stated that the contract has been awarded and the bid came in \$20,000 under the engineer estimate. A few people did come to the meeting in opposition due to the noise. There will be an 8’ black chain link fence around the courts that are able to receive slats in the future if need be. There will be a winding path from the parking lot to the courts. The City Council really did their homework and are very much in favor of this project due to the popularity of the sport.

Commission Fischer asked again if OH Anderson could be another possible location in the future. **Director Goebel** has discussed this possible additional location with school district and the hockey rinks as a possible location with the hockey association.

- b. **Dog Park Update** – Director Goebel was finally able to connect and meet on site with the Fed Ex representative and stated that Fed Ex is excited to partner with the City on this project.

NEXT PARK COMMISSION MEETING

The next Park Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 21, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at Public Works Facility.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by, Commission Fischer; seconded by, Commissioner Thompson, all members voting in favor, the meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Jeannie Novak

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