

**MAHTOMEDI PARKS COMMISSION
MINUTES
MAY 18, 2022**

Chair Lindberg convened the Park Commission meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 18, 2022.

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

Also present were: PW Director, Bob Goebel; PW Office Asst., Jeannie Novak, Mahtomedi Community Ed Director, Kate Andersen and Council Liaison Lilly Melander

Absent: Vice Chair Costello and Commissioner Metz

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Upon motion by Commission Charlesworth; seconded by Commissioner Thompson, all members voting in favor, the April 20, 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 opened all the parks, all bathrooms except Wedgewood are open, irrigation is on and we're trying to keep up with mowing. Street sweeping is beginning our second round. Sewer Lining is in progress, crack sealing will be complete this week, and fog sealing will begin any day. Three summer employees have started and will be doing a lot of pothole patching. The flower baskets are hung in downtown, **Commissioner Fischer** stated how great they look. We have one extra basket that will be hung at City Hall. **Director Goebel** stated that they have met with the engineer to discuss the ongoing flooding on Birchwood Road, they're looking at water levels, elevation levels to solve this issue. **Wildwood Road (CSAH 12)** is closed and the Mayor of Birchwood closed Birchwood Road and has been causing a lot of issues for the residents of Birchwood and Mahtomedi. **Chair Lindberg** asked what the timeline is for this project and **Director Goebel** stated that it will be complete by October 14, 2022

OPEN FORUM

Mahtomedi Community Ed Director, Kate Andersen - Things are plugging away for summer in Community Ed. Our first Food Truck Friday was very successful, about 200-300 people. Lots of field prepping is going on, we did get a bid for the fields at the DEC. First concert in the park will be June 16th at Wedgewood Park. **Commissioner Thompson** asked if it was possible for volleyball courts on the left side of the building.

Council Liaison Melander stated that she did discuss volleyball, pickleball, ice arena, community center and Dwinell Nature Area at the strategic planning session with the Council and said somethings were well received but not all are a priority at this time. She also briefed the Commission on the Birchwood Road closure and that our Council is hoping to have a joint meeting with the Birchwood City Council to come to a resolution about opening it back up.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Arbor Day Tree Planting** – Flowering Crab at Gosiwin Trail Park
- b. **Beach & Warming House Roofs** – Hockey Association and ABC Lumber are going to help with expense of replacing the roofs.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. **Baseball Assoc. Improvements Update** – Director Goebel stated that the batting cages have been started, the fence is down and new nettings are in.
- b. **Lighting at Veterans Memorial Park Update** – Director Goebel stated that legalities are being checked into and that the Council agrees and likes the idea of more lights. City Planner Rybek sees no problem and would not require a permit. We have calls in two vendors for bids. Also, said the large Tree of Lights tree will be getting an overhaul and more lights will be added.

NEXT PARK COMMISSION MEETING

The next Park Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 15, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at Public Works Facility.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted by:

Jeannie Novak

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