

Medina Park Commission Meeting Minutes

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The Park Commission of Medina, Minnesota met in regular session on March 18, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at Medina City Hall. Park Commission Vice Chair Madeleine Linck presided.

1) Call to Order

Commissioners Present: Madeleine Linck, Lori Meehan, Robin Reid and John Jacob
Commissioners Absent: Steve Lee, Nate Pearson and Dino DesLauriers
Also Present: City Council member Lorie Cousineau, Public Works
Director Steve Scherer and Assistant to City Administrator
Jodi Gallup

2) Additions to the Agenda: Blue Bird Trail Monitoring Program

A motion was made by Meehan and seconded by Reid to add "Blue Bird Trail Monitoring Program" to the agenda after the Eagle Scout Project. Motion passed unanimously.

3) Approval of Minutes:

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A motion was made by Reid and seconded by Meehan to approve the minutes from February 18, 2015 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

4) Public Comments (on items not on the agenda): None.

5) City Council Update

Lorie Cousineau gave the Park Commission a brief update on City Council actions since the last time the Park Commission met. Discussion also took place on being mindful of when new trails are being proposed on what the maintenance plan will be for those specific trails such as if those trails will be plowed/maintained in the winter.

6) Eagle Scout Project – Hamel Legion Park

It was noted that Ted Fust with the Hamel Hawks sent the Park Commissioners an email after the last meeting explaining that there was a miscommunication on how the plans were presented. His email noted that since the fences are being moved forward, as the drawing indicates, they thought it would be more beneficial to move the "side" bleachers up behind the new fence line; leaving the large slab directly behind the home plate. They felt that this would allow better viewing of the ball game by those in attendance, allow more green space between the three slabs and there would also be a lesser amount of concrete than the plan approved at last month's meeting.

The Park Commissioners reviewed the plans that were approved at the February 18th meeting and discussed the new proposal. It was noted that on the new proposal some sightlines might be lost on the side of the bleachers closest to the dugouts. It was also

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noted that if the plan remained the same as approved on February 18th, it could potentially allow for more seating at a future date and currently lawn chairs would be able to be used in front of the moved up fences.

A motion was made by Jacob and seconded by Meehan to recommend keeping the concrete layout plans as approved on February 18th with the fences moved forward to improve sightlines. Motion passed unanimously.

7) Blue Bird Trail Monitoring Program

Linck stated that a previous Park Commissioner and she have installed Bluebird houses scattered around the city in seven locations including City Hall, Holy Name Park, Rainwater Nature Area Tomann Preserve, Hunter Lions Park, Hennepin County Public Works and Medina Lake Preserve. She noted that the Bluebird houses need to be monitored from April to August to be effective. Monitoring requires checking the boxes every seven to ten days to record nests, eggs, and young that fledge and cleaning the boxes each fall.

Linck stated that she has been monitoring all of the Bluebird houses each year, but 2015 will be her last year monitoring as she will be moving to the east coast next year. An article has been placed in the April/May issue of the Medina Message Newsletter requesting Bluebird Monitors. Linck is looking for volunteers to commit to this program and is willing to train them this year.

It was noted that this could be a good class project if there was a willing teacher to supervise or a great scout project. It was also suggested to try to find a bird watching group to help with this program.

8) Planned Park Improvements – Each Member to Adopt a Park

Park Commissioners were asked to adopt at least one park to lead the efforts for that specific park. The following parks were adopted by the following members:

- Lakeshore Park – Robin Reid
- Rainwater Nature Area – Dino DesLauriers
- Hamel Legion Park – Dino DesLauriers
- Hunter Lions Park – John Jacob
- Holy Name Park – Lori Meehan
- Tomann Preserve - Madeleine Linck
- Maple Park – Nate Pearson
- Medina Morningside Park – Steve Lee

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It was noted that Park Commissioners should plan to visit their adopted parks prior to the May Park Tour to bring their ideas to the other members.

9) Schedule Spring Park Tour

A motion was made by Reid and seconded by Jacob to schedule the annual spring park tour on Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. in place of the regularly scheduled May meeting.

10) Staff Report

- Linck will be leading residents on a wildlife/nature walk at Tomann Preserve on Thursday, June 11th from 6-8 p.m.
- An updated Park Dedication fund balance was included in the packet.
- Bids will be opened for the Park at Fields of Medina site work. The substantial completion date of the project is expected to be mid-July.
- An updated tree plan for Hamel Legion Park was distributed to the Park Commissioners. Lennar will be planting these trees early this summer.
- It was noted that the city was informed that the City of Plymouth has received an application for a 270 unit apartment complex off Brockton Road adjacent to Hamel Legion Park.

11) Adjourn

A motion was made by Jacob, seconded by Reid and passed unanimously, to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Jodi Gallup.