

Medina Park Commission Meeting Minutes

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The Park Commission of Medina, Minnesota met in regular session on April 19, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. at Medina City Hall. Park Commission Chair Steve Lee presided.

1) Call to Order

Commissioners Present: Steve Lee, Lori Meehan, Michelle Beddor, Lisa Cole, John Jacob, and Jeff Rumsey. Youth members Ella Kingsley and Lauren Lubenow.

Commissioners Absent: Elizabeth Weir

Also Present: Assistant City Administrator Jodi Gallup, Public Works Director Steve Scherer, and City Council Members Bob Mitchell, Lori Cousineau, Jeff Pederson, and John Anderson.

2) Annual Tour of Parks

The Park Commission along with the City Council toured or drove past the following parks, trails and nature areas and made these observations:

Holy Name Park

- The park is complete and no additional work needed to be done at this time.

Medina Morningside Park

- There is a phone line remnant that needs to be removed in the northeast corner.

Maple Park

- Discussed that the residents had requested a fence along the first and third baselines to avoid losing balls in the wetland. The Park Commission will monitor the level of use of the field to make a determination at a later date.
- It was noted that the suckers needed to be removed from the trees.

Walnut Park

- Discussed the park's purpose and how the infiltration area worked. Noted that the trees could be cleaned up near the infiltration area.

Lakeshore Park

- Discussed the request from last year for a bench at the bottom of the hill. It was determined that the steep slope and water levels would make it challenging for a bench in that location. It was suggested to put a bench at the top of the hill looking out towards the lake.

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- It was noted that the neighbors had asked for a fire pit the previous year, but the Park Commission was concerned with safety.
- It was suggested to place a larger piece of play equipment for older kids on the north side of the boat landing.
- It was noted that there were ground bees on the north side of the boat landing.
- It was noted that there was broken cylinder block down by the water that needed to be cleaned up.

The Park at Fields of Medina

- It was noted that there was a dead tree by the playground equipment that needed to be removed and replaced.
- Discussed the location of a second small basketball hoop and the location of the sand volleyball court.

Arrowhead Drive Trail

- Drove the route of the new trail along Arrowhead Drive.

Reserve of Medina – Possible Future Park Land

- Drove down Hackamore Road to look at possible future park land from the Reserve of Medina development. Staff stated that the developer was willing to discuss the potential for the city to purchase the northwestern 3.6 acres of their property. The Park Commission gave their general support in moving forward with negotiations to obtain the park land.

Co Rd 116/Tower Drive/Hamel Road Trail Route

- Drove the future route to connect the Co Rd 116 Trail down Tower Drive to the trail on Hamel Road.

Hamel Legion Park

- Discussed a request from Heritage Christian Academy to paint the dugouts blue at the Paul Fortin Memorial Field. It was determined that the dugouts did need to be freshened up, but not painted the color blue. The Park Commissioners agreed that the color of the dugouts should be uniform to the other buildings and structures within the park.
- Scherer updated the Park Commission that he found a snow machine that will work for the sledding hill.

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Hunter Lions Park

- Discussed the wear and cracks on the tennis court and basketball court. Noted that the surfaces would probably need to be completely replaced within the next few years.
- Noted that the orientation of the park sign was confusing and that the map should be rotated by 90 degrees to make it easier to find the nature area.
- Noted that the path around the nature area needed to be mowed.
- Noted that the weeds in the volleyball court needed to be sprayed.

Medina Lake Preserve

The Park Commission did not visit Medina Lake Preserve, but Lubenow visited the park earlier in the week and provided an update. She stated that the weeds were high and there were a number of burrs on the trail. She also noted that a tree had fallen over on one of the benches in the park.

3) Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Jodi Gallup.