

Medina Park Commission Meeting Minutes

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The Park Commission of Medina, Minnesota met in regular session on May 20, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at Medina City Hall. Park Commission Chair Steve Lee presided.

1) Call to Order

Commissioners Present: Steve Lee, Madeleine Linck, Dino DesLauriers, Robin Reid and John Jacob

Commissioners Absent: Lori Meehan and Nate Pearson

Also Present: City Council member Kathleen Martin, Public Works Director Steve Scherer, Public Works Foreman Ivan Dingmann and Assistant to City Administrator Jodi Gallup

2) Annual Tour of Parks

The Park Commission toured or drove past the following parks and made these observations:

Hamel Legion Park

- Discussed adding a warmup mound and fence at the Paul Fortin Memorial Field
- Noted that the park map on the display case is facing the wrong direction; recommended adding “You are here” stickers
- Discussed the need for a batter’s eye at the Paul Fortin Memorial Field
- Noted that the landscaping by the concession stand needed some work
- Confirmed that the Hamel Hawk’s were still working on moving the monument
- Discussed the long range plan of addressing drainage issues and paving the parking lot by the Paul Fortin Memorial Field

Hunter Lions Park

- Discussed the weeds in the volleyball court and if the volleyball court should be removed to create a soccer field or open play field
- Noted that the fences around the baseball field need to be higher – at least 6 to 8 feet so people can’t reach over them and get hurt
- Discussed adding concrete under the bleachers
- Noted that one of the grills could be removed; discussed removing the grill away from the picnic shelter
- Noted that there were too many picnic tables under the shelter
- Discussed widening the nature area path and adding a sign
- Noted that cleaning up the creek could be a future scout project

Maple Park

- Discussed adding a picnic shelter at the bottom of the hill

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- Discussed if it would be necessary to pave the parking lot or leave it as gravel
- Discussed need to install steps from the parking lot down to the picnic shelter or leave more natural/rural
- Discussed adding soccer nets, but leaving backstop fence
- Noted that the trees need to be trimmed to get rid of the suckers
- Discussed the idea of an intergenerational park, but noted that the parking at the top of the hill would make this location difficult

Lakeshore Park

- Noted that the water levels were down and the beach area looked nice
- Residents requested that stone steps be added up from the boat launch
- One resident stopped by and requested an outdoor workout area be added to the park similar to communities in southern California
- Noted that the playground area needs more wood chips
- Discussed adding a fire pit and horse shoe pit
- Discussed adding a picnic table at the bottom of the hill
- Noted that the grill from Hunter Lions Park could be moved to Lakeshore Park

Walnut Park

- Noted that it is a storm water pond in the summer and a skating rink in the winter
- Noted that the benches need to be replaced
- Questioned if the basketball hoop is ever used

Medina Morningside Park

- Noted that the playground area needs more woodchips
- Noted that the curbing is bad around the playground and should be replaced
- Discussed removing the wood trash cans and backstop fences on second field
- Discussed adding soccer nets
- Noted the need to fix the corner of the bike rack

3) Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Jodi Gallup.