

Medina Park Commission Meeting Minutes  
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The Park Commission of Medina, Minnesota met in regular session on October 19, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at Medina City Hall. Park Commission Secretary Nate Pearson presided.

**1) Call to Order**

Commissioners Present: Nate Pearson, John Jacob, Dino DesLauriers, Michelle Beddor, and Lisa Cole  
Commissioners Absent: Steve Lee and Lori Meehan  
Also Present: Assistant City Administrator Jodi Gallup, Public Works Director Steve Scherer and City Council member Lorie Cousineau.

**2) Additions to the Agenda**

Discuss the trails on Trail Plan with limited resources.

*A motion was made by John Jacob and seconded by Dino DesLauriers to add the discussion at the end of the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.*

**3) Approval of the Minutes from:**

July 20, 2016 Regular Meeting

*A motion was made by DesLauriers and seconded by Beddor to approve the minutes from July 20, 2016 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.*

July 27, 2016 Regular Meeting

*A motion was made by Jacob and seconded by DesLauriers to approve the minutes from July 27, 2016 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 an update on recent City Council actions.

**6) AutoMotorPlex – Plan Review for Park Dedication**

Bruno Silikowski, the applicant, provided the Park Commission with a brief description of his request to develop a series of finished garages designed for motorsports enthusiasts.

Gallup presented the staff report noting that the land use requests were for a PUD General Plan, Plat, and Site Plan Review at the corner of Arrowhead Drive and Hamel Road. She noted that the applicant is proposing 12 buildings between 16,000 square feet to 34,150 square feet. She also noted that the applicant operates a similar facility in Chanhassen.

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Gallup noted that the city reviewed a concept plan over the summer and the Park Commission expressed strong interest in a trail on the east side of Arrowhead in connection with the project.

Silikowski described some pictures of what the exterior of buildings would look like.

Gallup informed the Park Commission that in terms of Park Dedication the subdivision ordinance allows 10% of buildable land, which would be 2.33 acres, cash-in-lieu of 8% of the pre-developed value estimated at \$132,325 or a combination of both.

Gallup noted that the applicant is proposing a trail easement along Arrowhead Drive and Hamel Road. The applicant is also proposing to construct the 1,600 feet of trail along the AutoMotorPlex property. Staff believes the easements plus the construction of 1,600 feet of trail is reasonable to meet the full park dedication requirements.

Gallup stated that staff recommends asking the applicant to attempt to construct the 1,600 feet of trail north of the site to create a trail connection from Loram's parking lot to the site. This option would require approval from Loram.

The Park Commission discussed security of the garages, creating a separation from the trail and the road and concerns with parking along Arrowhead and Hamel Road.

*A motion was made by Jacob and seconded by Beddor to recommend taking the trail easements along Hamel Road and Arrowhead Drive and attempting to work out a deal with Loram to have the applicant construct the 1,600 feet of trail to the north of the subject site to connect to Loram's parking lot. Motion passed unanimously.*

## **7) Paul Fortin Memorial Field Improvements**

Greg DeVos and Tim Flemming with the Hamel Hawks introduced themselves to the Park Commission. They stated that they have been working with Heritage Christian Academy and they would like to make the Paul Fortin Memorial Field their high school home field. The two organizations would like to partner to help improve the field.

Discussion occurred on regular maintenance items that could be done to improve the field. It was noted that the two organizations would be volunteering their time to complete some of the maintenance items on November 12<sup>th</sup>.

DeVos and Flemming asking for the Park Commission's support in requesting lights for the field. Discussion took place on fund raising efforts and creating a plan.

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The Park Commission was generally in support of their efforts, but would like to see a more formal plan before any recommendations are made.

**8) Staff Report**

- Arrowhead Drive Trail Update – Scherer reported that the trail was now complete.
- General Items – Scherer reported that they planned to begin working on the parking lot at Hamel Legion Park the following week.

**9) Trail Plan Discussion**

A brief discussion took place on the number of trails on the trail plan and if some would be removed since there are limited resources to construct all the trails.

**10) Adjourn**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Jodi Gallup.