

Medina Park Commission Meeting Minutes  
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The Park Commission of Medina, Minnesota met in regular session on May 15, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. at Medina City Hall for the annual tour of parks. Park Commission Vice Chair Ann Thies presided.

**1) Call to Order**

Commissioners Present: Ann Thies, Mary Morrison, John Jacob, Jeff Rumsey, Elizabeth Weir, Terry Sharp

Commissioners Absent: Steve Lee

Also Present: Council member Jeff Pederson, City Administrator Scott Johnson, Public Works Director Steve Scherer, Public Works Maintenance Worker Derek Reinking, Public Works Assistant Katrina Jones, and Assistant City Administrator Jodi Gallup

**2) Annual Tour of Parks**

The Park Commission toured Medina's parks and nature areas and made the following observations:

Lakeshore Park - Independence Beach residents joined the Park Commission to discuss their wishes for the neighborhood parks. There were requests made for a hard surface area for kids to play gaga ball or other sport court activities. Other requests included adding a kayak/canoe stand, adult exercise equipment such as pull-up bars, more beach area and a bench by the water, and potentially docks for rent.

Walnut Park – Neighborhood residents requested fixing up the basketball hoop, painting the basketball court area, and adding a volleyball court. The Park Commission suggested adding a sign stating this area is a treatment area for Lake Independence.

Maple Park – Neighborhood residents thanked the Park Commission for adding the paved parking lot and pavilion. They stated that if the volleyball court could not be accommodated at Walnut Park, Maple Park would be their second option but would require the removal of trees. They also requested that the grill from Lakeshore Park be moved to Maple Park near the new pavilion. It was noted that a sign is needed by the garbage stating, “no illegal dumping”.

Holy Name Park – It was noted to move/switch out the ADA picnic table that is currently sitting on a cement slab to the picnic shelter to make it more handicap accessible. The pavers and concrete need a power wash. The trees should be thinned and take off suckers.

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The rain garden may need to be burned or cleaned out. It was requested to look into the porous pavement cost. It was noted that the black Holy Name historical marker sign has held up well and this sign material should be considered for future sign needs in other parks.

Hamel Legion Park – Every area of the park was very busy during the park tour. The baseball fields were all being used, the playground was full, and multiple groups were using the basketball court. The open field was filled with t-ball players. There was no specific location that seemed open enough to build a cricket field. It was noted that the supply door at the concession building needs to be fixed.

Rainwater Nature Area – The appearance and maintenance are great. There is some rubbish that needs to be cleaned up along the walk path by trees near intersection of Hunter Drive. A decorative garbage near the rock sitting area will help keep trash off the ground. A doggie bag waste station should be added to this park. The wood bridge in the back of the park should be removed. A bench should be added along the trail. Ultimately, the trail should extend to Pinto Drive.

Hunter Lions Park – The tennis courts need repair. The city would like to add a second tennis court, but the Park Commission wants to make sure it is in the correct location. It was recommended to resurface the existing tennis court to buy a few years. In the meantime, the city should look at hiring a consultant to redesign the entire park.

Medina Morningside Park – The playground needs fresh wood chips annually. The trees should also be trimmed annually. Maintenance items in the park include painting the pavilion, seal coating and painting the basketball area, and new wood chips by singular picnic table with roof. Budget opportunities include pulling the concrete curbing around the play area and install an updated edging system, add a sun/shade device for the play area to keep the temperature down on the play equipment, and explore parking options (specifically looking at if parking patterns are an issue during ball games).

The Park Commission ran out of time to visit The Park at Fields of Medina, Tomann Preserve and Medina Lake Preserve, so the commissioners assigned to those parks provided the following verbal update:

The Park at Fields of Medina – Sharp reported that he recently talked with several residents at the park, and they were very pleased with the park amenities and easily accessible trails. It was noted that the park is relatively new and there are no planned improvements in the 2019-2023 Capital Improvement Plan.

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Tomann Preserve – Thies suggested adding signs for parking and a trail map. She also suggested adding another bench or two.

Medina Lake Preserve – Thies noted that it is awkward to park at the entrance to Medina Lake Preserve, because it feels like you are trespassing. She suggested adding a public sign noting public parking and entrance.

Miscellaneous items – The Park Commission recommended removing the miscellaneous grills throughout the city parks if there is no use. The Medina Park System Inventory sheet will be updated to include fishing pier/docks.

**3) Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Jodi Gallup