

Medina Park Commission Meeting Minutes
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The Park Commission of Medina, Minnesota met in regular session on June 19, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at Medina City Hall. Park Commissioner Elizabeth Weir presided.

1) Call to Order

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

Commissioners Absent: Steve Lee, Ann Thies

Also Present: Public Works Director Steve Scherer, Assistant City Administrator Jodi Gallup

2) Additions to the Agenda: None

3) Approval of the Minutes from:

April 17, 2019 Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Sharp and seconded by Rumsey to approve the minutes from April 17, 2019 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

May 15, 2019 Park Tour

A motion was made by Sharp and seconded by Morrison to approve the minutes from May 15, 2019 with one correction: p. 1 under "Walnut Park", add language, "add sign stating this area is a treatment area for Lake Independence". Motion passed unanimously.

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

5) City Council Update

Scherer provided an update that the City Council had a work session the previous evening to discuss the 2020 budget. He noted that the City Council was generally in favor of funding the municipal park fund, but it may not be completely funded by the tax levy with some money being transferred into the account from other revenue sources. Scherer asked if a Park Commissioner could provide an update on the Municipal Park Fund at the July 2nd meeting. Weir stated she could attend if no one else was available.

6) Minnesota Cricket Association

Golam Sayeed with the Minnesota Cricket Association provided a presentation to the Park Commission on the history of cricket, how to play the game, the growing popularity of the sport, and the challenges & opportunities for the Minnesota cricket communities.

Sayeed stated that cricket is growing in popularity in the United States and especially in the west suburbs including the cities of Medina and Plymouth and the Wayzata School

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District. He stated he currently uses ball fields in Plymouth for youth cricket, but the kids need to use the outfield grass as their pitch, which only works for practice. They have no facilities in the area to play games. They are in need of a youth field with a real pitch for five to six hours on weekends to play games.

Sayed showed the Park Commission photos of multiple use fields with soccer fields on each side of a cricket pitch. The Park Commissioners liked the idea of creating a multi-use field but have no current park land large enough to accommodate these fields. It was suggested that the Minnesota Cricket Association look to partner with existing soccer associations.

It was also suggested that the Minnesota Cricket Association reach out to the Wayzata School District, because they recently purchased over 80 acres of land in Medina that is currently sitting vacant.

Sayed stated that he has been working with the Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission to apply for a grant with the Hennepin Youth Sports Grant program, but he needs to partner with a Local Government Unit. He stated that the City of Medina and the Minnesota Cricket Association could create a potential partnership to tap into these grant funds.

7) 2020-2024 Capital Improvement Plan

Gallup stated that each June the Park Commission reviews the city's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) to plan for future capital park and trail projects over the next five years. The Park Commissioners reviewed the notes from the May park tour, the park asset inventory sheet showing asset replacement years, and draft CIP to begin planning for future park improvements.

The Park Commission reviewed a request for a splash pad in Hamel Legion Park but noted that the high capital costs and on-going maintenance cost would prohibit the project from going forward at this time.

The following changes were incorporated into the 2020-2024 Capital Improvement Plan:

- Medina Road – pave shoulder to replace gravel shoulder
- Hackamore Trail – review price and cost share with Corcoran
- Lakeshore Park – create a thought-out plan potentially utilizing a consultant that understands the restrictions in a shoreland overlay district
- Walnut Park – add water quality sign similar to the sign at Lake Ardmore. Update basketball hoop and court surface

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- Hunter Lions Park – hire a consultant to design a full park reconstruction. Sharp noted that Maple Grove has had success with Loucks Engineering.
- Maple Park – no need for volleyball in this location since there are volleyball courts in Baker Park
- Medina Morningside Park – replace playground curb, rubber under swings, baseball backstop, and parking area
- Hamel Legion Park – remove cricket as a line item, since it is now clear there is not enough space for cricket in the park
- Rainwater Nature Area – no need for decorative garbage cans

8) Staff Report

- Municipal Park Funding – Resident Engagement Events – Weir and Morrison volunteered to attend the Hamel Jamboree this weekend.
- General Items – Sharp suggested that the City become members of the Minnesota Park and Recreation Association as it is a great resource for grants. He stated he would forward additional information on to staff.

9) Adjourn

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m. Minutes prepared by Jodi Gallup