

Medina Park Commission Meeting Minutes
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The Park Commission of Medina, Minnesota met in regular session on September 18, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at Medina City Hall. Park Commission Vice Chair Ann Thies presided.

1) Call to Order

Commissioners Present: Ann Thies, John Jacob, Terry Sharp, Mary Morrison

Commissioners Absent: Steve Lee, Elizabeth Weir, Jeff Rumsey

Also Present: Public Works Director Steve Scherer, Assistant City Administrator Jodi Gallup, City Council member John Anderson

2) Additions to the Agenda: None

3) Approval of the Minutes from:

August 21, 2019 Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Jacob and seconded by Sharp to approve the minutes from August 21, 2019 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

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

5) City Council Update

Anderson provided an update to the Park Commission on recent City Council actions.

6) Hamel Athletic Club Request – Quad 4 Field Improvements

Mike Kneller with the Hamel Athletic Club presented a request for field improvements to convert the Quad # 4 Field in Hamel Legion Park to a regulation Little League Field. He explained that these improvements would involve converting the field to a grassed infield with irrigation.

Kneller stated that the Hamel Athletic Club has ambitions to host a District 1 tournament. Currently, Hamel Legion Park has two grassed infields and with the addition of one more field, they will have a total of three fields to host a tournament. He stated that this improvement to the field complex will make the Hamel Athletic Club program more desirable for kids that are 9-12 years old.

The Park Commission questioned the purpose of installing a grassed infield vs. leaving the infield with ag lime. Kneller stated that the grass slows the ball down, which is more desirable for Little League.

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The Park Commission questioned if grassing the infield will limit the ability of other teams to utilize this field. It was noted that the fields are mainly used for Little League with the fields being used as a backup location for one softball tournament each spring. If this project moves forward, the park will have three Little League fields, two softball fields, and one regulation baseball field.

The Park Commission questioned the additional maintenance requirements for a grassed infield. Scherer stated that the infield would need to be mowed and irrigated. He also stated that the fields need to be graded around the 1st and 3rd base line every few years to fix the edges, which is required on all the fields.

Kneller stated that the Hamel Athletic Club would be responsible for purchasing a cover for the clay mound and repairing the clay mound as needed.

Kneller stated that the Hamel Athletic Club has received a quote from the same installation contractor, Sam's Lawn Landscaping, that has installed the other grassed infields in the park. He recommended using this contractor for efficiency and system continuity. He stated that the Hamel Athletic Club is willing to fund the improvements to this field at 100% of the cost, which is \$13,750.

A motion was made by Jacob, seconded by Sharp to recommend approval of the Quad # 4 field conversion and irrigation installation agreement with Sam's Lawn Landscaping and to accept the donation from the Hamel Athletic Club for this project. Motion passed unanimously.

7) Staff Report

- General Items – Gallup reminded the Park Commissioners that Medina Celebration Day will be held on Saturday, September 21st. Sharp and Thies confirmed they will be at the event to promote Medina's parks and trails and educate residents on the Municipal Park Fund.

8) Adjourn

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m. Minutes prepared by Jodi Gallup