



MINUTES

Parks and Rec Committee

5:00 PM - Monday, July 17, 2023

1015 Hillside Ave SW, Ste 2, Pine City, MN 55063

The City of Pine City Council met in Parks and Rec Committee on Monday, July 17, 2023 at 5:00 PM in the 1015 Hillside Ave SW, Ste 2, Pine City, MN 55063.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

In attendance - Mayor Carl Pederson, Steve Roubinek, Julie Samuelson, Becky Schueller, and Council Member Gina Pettie

Staff in attendance - Parks & Public Buildings Manager Brock Bloomquist and Administrative Assistant Tabitha Pickett

3. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Pederson, second by Schueller to approve agenda. Motion carried.

4. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

4.1. MOTION TO APPROVE JUNE 12, 2023 MEETING MINUTES BY SAMUELSON, SECOND BY ROUBINEK. MOTION CARRIED.

5. OPEN FORUM

This is an opportunity for citizens to present items to the Committee that are not on the agenda. Each presentation is limited to three (3) minutes and a maximum of fifteen minutes is set aside. If your item needs follow-up from the Committee, Staff will arrange for that.

6. OLD BUSINESS

6.1. DOG PARK DISCUSSION - WATER SHOULD BE INSTALLED BY FRIDAY - JULY 7.

Bloomquist informed the committee that the water has not been installed yet. Erik Bjorklund is installing. Samuelson showed the committee that the water work up has been switched as her, Brock, and Maury were reviewing to find the shortest and best way for the water to be ran.

Samuelson and Bloomquist are working on obtaining bids for fencing.

6.2. ECRAC GRANT EQUIPMENT

The bells were installed at Robinson park. The committee stated that the bells were not as loud as originally thought and they added a great musical instrument at the park. Schueller stated that the grant documentation needs to be reviewed for wording and the committee would like to know who is in charge of the grant.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1. JUNE MONTHLY PARK UPDATE

7.2. LOCATION CHANGE FOR CITY OF PINE CITY SIGN AND ORDERING OF NEW SIGNS.

Bloomquist showed the committee where he would like to move the Pine City sign at Hilltop to. Bloomquist is still looking into locations and whether the School or County need to be involved.

7.3. VOYAGEUR PARK: CURRENTLY WE ARE TRYING CLEAN UP VOYAGEUR PARK TO BE ABLE TO SEE THE RIVER FROM THE GAZEBO.

7.4. LEROY SAMUELSON PARK: WE ARE ALMOST COMPLETED WITH THE INSIDE OF THE CONCESSIONS STANDS AND BATHROOMS.

Bloomquist stated he is waiting on funds from Menards Rebates and wants to enclose the ceiling.

7.5. ROBINSON PARK

Restroom Facilities: Bloomquist presented a way for new facilities - a mobile trailer. He stated it would be a great addition to our community as it can be moved from one location to the next as needed and it wouldn't be a permanent structure. It would also be able to be an added rental to the parks when they are reserved for big gatherings. He also stated it would cost roughly \$50,000 instead of the proposed \$300,000 for a permanent structure just at Robinson Park. The committee does not recommend this.

Robinson Park Benches: The committee stated they want the old concrete/wood benches removed if they are disrepair. Schueller stated she thought they were to be removed when the new ones were put in and the committee agreed to having them removed so no one gets hurt.

7.6. HILLTOP PARK: THE MAIN HILLTOP PARK SIGN HAS BEEN ORDERED AND PAID FOR. THE LANDSCAPING MATERIALS HAVE BEEN PURCHASED FOR WHEN THE SIGN ARRIVES. WE HAVE ALSO CLEANED UP THE PARK.

It was mentioned that Hilltop Park didn't go through the correct process in naming the park and the City needs to consider doing it the right way. Bloomquist stated the signage was already ordered as the Grant funding needed it. Bloomquist was going to reach out to see if it is too late to put the order on hold.

The committee suggested that one week after the dog park naming - the City needs to roll to naming Hilltop properly.

7.7. WEST SIDE PARK: WE HAVE RECLAIMED A VOLLEYBALL COURSE FROM THE WEEDS. WE HAVE ALSO STARTED THE SIDING PROJECT ON THE LIFEGUARD SHACK.

7.8. THOMAS PARK:

Samuelson gave a little history lesson on how Thomas Park was obtained. She stated that after speaking with the neighboring property owner, McHughes, they would like to be involved in the processes of when things start to progress on this property. The naming of this park needs to include the original owner's son's name "Thomas" as that is in the documentation of obtaining this property.

7.9. FORMER MAYOR JANE ROBBINS - THERE IS DISCUSSION FOR NAMING THE NEW DOG PARK.

When reviewing the names that come in from the contest, it needs to include Jane Robbin's in some way. The committee agreed that they will look at the names and recommend to council per the directions.

8. COMMITTEE CONCERNS

9. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn by Schueller, second by Samuelson. Motion carried.

10. UPCOMING DATES

August 14th at 5:00PM

September 11th at 5:00PM

October 9th at 5:00PM

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Mayor