

**MINUTES
PARK BOARD MEETING
JULY 18, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Josephson, Koster, Lee, Lombardi, Reeves, Sinclair; Public Works Director: Reed; Planner: Riedesel; Town Board Supervisor: McCune.

Absent: Akenson, with notice.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Additions/Deletions): Reeves moved approval of the agenda as submitted. Sinclair seconded. Ayes all.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 20, 2019: Lee moved the approval of the Minutes of June 20, 2019 with the correction of Staff contacting the company with the utility shed at Four Seasons Park, not the Board. Sinclair seconded. Ayes all.

SUMMIT LANE – NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING: The Town Planner summarized the past discussion and the Park Board had online access to all the documents since 1911 regarding Summit Lane. Summit Lane is not an easement, the Town actually owns it. There was discussion regarding some of the rules, and west neighbor Jeff Miller was present to discuss these rules.

The complaints received regarding Summit Lane were relative to dogs in the park, opening and closing of the gate, and getting locked out. The new kayak rack was placed at the site this year and is being considered for possible future expansion.

Miller explained that the rule about the dogs in the park has to do with a respect for the park and the neighbors next to the park. Dogs were the reason Miller put up his fence, because owners would allow the dogs to use his yard and then not dispose of the waste. Miller also explained that the park should remain gated and locked at night due to safety. It is very dark and there are no light sources.

It was noted that every idea the Park Board could possibly come up with has already been noted in past meeting minutes, confirmed by the extensive documents reaching back to 1911.

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There was discussion of the kayak rack, and it was the consensus that Public Works would make it more stable and place the rack on pavers and mount it more securely.

Josephson made the motion to have Public Works Stabilize the Kayak Rack at Summit Lane using Non-Permanent Pavers. Sinclair seconded. Ayes all.

TOWNSHIP DAY / MOVIE IN THE PARK: Lisa Beecroft had a conflict but did send updates that were provided at the meeting. It was the consensus that Beecroft's progress and updates on Township Day looked good. Riedesel summarized that 75 people were present to watch Bumble Bee, but 20 left due to mosquitoes. There was discussion on whether the Park Board should discuss mosquito control again, but it was the consensus that they would stick to the resolution to not discuss it this year again. The next movie is scheduled for July 27th.

Due to the mosquitoes and weather, with one reschedule, there was discussion on moving the Movie in the Park to early spring or late fall. For example, some movies could tie into back to school or Halloween themes. This would eliminate the mosquito problem, and the movies could be held earlier due to the earlier sunset.

The updates for Township Day include Beecroft's search for a singer for the Star Spangled Banner, and she informed Riedesel that she has someone in mind. There was discussion regarding renting stages. It was noted that Viking Auto is thinking about a Hot Wheels theme. Reeves asked Ramsey County Parks and Rec Department for a Zamboni for Touch a Truck.

There was some discussion regarding advertising for Township Day. It was noted that an advertisement went out in the July utility bills.

POLAR LAKES PARK – RESTROOMS – FITNESS COURT – TOWN HALL SIGNS: The Town Planner received the proposal from Loucks for Conceptual Site Layout and Design Services Proposal including the playground. The total project will run between \$7,200 and \$9,300. The Town Board has approved the proposal and will move forward with any agreement with Loucks. **Fitness Court:** It was the consensus to wait with the fitness court. There was discussion of local equipment suppliers being more affordable and flexible in price for exercise equipment. It was the consensus that this would be held in future consideration, but the Board will take no action now.

Polar Lakes Park Restrooms: There was discussion of seeing what Loucks or another restroom supplier could propose to the Township as far as pricing of restrooms go. The Park Board is planning to have Greg Johnson from Loucks at the August Park Board meeting to discuss placement of restrooms and planning of Polar Lakes Park.

Town Hall Signs: Sarah from the WBL Historical Society proposed two signs for Park Board consideration. There was discussion of each and it was the consensus that Option B "Historic Town Hall" was the favorite sign. The old sign from the front of the

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building is planned to be placed on the freeway side of the building. Maintenance of the yard and sign were discussed.

Koster motioned that the Park Board use the second sign labeled "Historic Town Hall". Sinclair seconded. Ayes all.

CIP – REVIEW: The Town Planner gave the Park Board an overview of the CIP relating to the Township's Parks. The Park Board needs to compare the Park Board priority list to the CIP. There were discussion of some of the Park Board's high priority items, among which were an amphitheater and restrooms. It was the consensus that Polar Lake Parks should be top priority because it is the highlight park, the main park, the premier park next to the Administrative Offices, and it should represent the Town accordingly. Polar Lakes Park is in need of restrooms and new playground equipment in the near future as top priority. Staff will provide the Park Board a list of planned projects for the park and ask that the Board rate their individual priorities for discussion at a Park Board Meeting.

As Ruzek is the Town Board Liaison to the Park Board, McCune doesn't hear much of park improvement needs unless the Park Board brings recommendation to the Town Board. Because of this, it was highly recommended that the Park Board recommend to the Town Board whatever the Park Board sees fit so communication is kept at a high standard. It was noted that the Park Board can make recommendations which will be incorporated into the CIP. This will be discussed more at the August meeting.

Reeves made the motion to recommend the Town Board to consider alternative funding sources or financing options for Polar Lakes Park, specifically regarding the restrooms and playground equipment. Sinclair seconded. Ayes all.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR REPORT: The Public Works Director was present to discuss the Public Works Director Report in regards to parks projects and to answer any questions. The **Brandlwood Park Upgrades** are underway. The **tennis courts** have been painted, though it was noted by Josephson that there are many weeds growing up through the courts at Four Seasons Park. The Public Works Director will look into it. The **trails** along White Bear Parkway, Hammond Road, Centerville Road, Otter Lake Road, Polar Lakes Park and Columbia Park will be sealcoated in 2019, with the goal of being finished before Township Day.

ADDED AGENDA ITEMS: There were no added agenda items.

Lee moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Koster seconded. Ayes all.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan R. Cavanaugh
Recording Secretary

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