

**CITY OF NORTH ST. PAUL
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING NOTES
January 22, 2020
6:30 PM**

North St. Paul City Hall

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Lloyd Grachek, Chair
Laura Greenlee-Karp, Vice Chair
Nancy Thorsen
Ingrid Koller

Absent: Larry Amsden
Tim Cole
Heather Haas
Sarah Zahradka

Ex-Officio: Jim Naughton, NSPAA (absent)

Council Liaison: Candy Petersen

Staff: Keith Stachowski
Jill Officer

Due to lack of quorum no actions were formally taken, items were discussion only.

III. ADOPT AGENDA

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

V. MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Note: This is a courtesy extended to persons wishing to address the Commission concerning issues that are not on the agenda. This discussion will be limited to 15 minutes.

- *Dave from Southwood Preserve was present to discuss options for fencing along path and resurfacing the deck. Also mentioned liking the master naturalist program.*
- *Logan Wood from Troop 188 inquired about potential Eagle Scout projects.*

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS

VII. COMMISSION BUSINESS ACTION ITEMS & RECOMMENDATIONS

- A. Review/Discussion/Recommendation:** Election of Officers- discussed potential nominees, nominations and elections for chairs in February, fill openings
- B. Review/Discussion/Recommendation:** Business Sponsorship Packet- a couple events still open for sponsors. Fire and Ice suggestion as a partnership instead of sponsorship.
- C. Review/Discussion/Recommendation:** Polar Explorers Program Planning – Successful program with returning and new participants, all ages, covers several park areas with attendance around 200 people each time. Adding 2 more dates. July and August planned, June still in need of coordination.
- D. Review/Discussion/Recommendation:** 2020 PRC goals- committee to look over packet distributed, discuss at next meeting
- E. Review/Discussion/Recommendation:** Polar Park Plan-committee to look over plans in packet, discuss at next meeting
- F. Review/Discussion/Recommendation:** Egg Hunt- suggested re-evaluating event to make improvements
- G. Review/Discussion/Recommendation:** Southwood Preserve Budget- budget approved, discussed natural play area in corner
- H. Review/Discussion/Recommendation:** Park Clean-up/2020 Spring Event dates-high school, 4/18 & 4/25
- I. Review/Discussion/Recommendation:** Fire and Ice event- went well, discussion of options to add skate rental, beginning skater equipment

VIII. REPORTS FROM STAFF

- A. Review/Discussion:** Keith mentioned some upcoming events such as the tree adoption, star watch and concert in the park series

IX. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS & PARK LIAISONS

- A. Review/Discussion:**

X. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:59 pm.

Next meeting: February 26, 2020 meeting at City Hall-Sandberg Room at 6:30 p.m.