

**MINUTES
CITY OF MAPLEWOOD
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING**

January 18, 2018

I. CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 7:03 by Dan Noonan

II. ROLL CALL: Members: Dan Noonan, Lisa Parks, Karen Clerc, Bob Harsh, Cathy Edmond, Eileen Lencz, Megan Dougherty, Tiffany Hyde- Assistant Director of Public Works and Teresa Proebsting-PARC Director were in attendance. Patricia DeForrest and Christy Kramlich excused.

III. WELCOME TO VISITORS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS . Visitors

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 2017 minutes. Clarification is needed under Section 6- Park Maintenance Report. It should reference the location of the garden (Lindbergh Park). Bob Harsh motioned to approve. Karen Clerc seconded. All approved.

V. PARK MEMBERS REPORTS ON PARKS:

- Ryan Hummert Memorial Park . NA
- Lindbergh Park- NA
- Kellogg Park . Rust on back of slide may need to be addressed due to safety hazard.
- Yale Park. Good. Possible mutt mitt needed for tree lawn in front of park.
- Greenwood Park. Names in marker on slide. Bench on Greenwood side has a split in the wood. Under baby swing, fill bag may have deteriorated.
- Trolley Park- Good. MSD signs were along the fence.
- Central Park . NA
- Deer Creek Park. Good
- Sutton Loop Park- Bathroom closed due to pipe bursting. Repairs will be forthcoming.

VI. RECREATION PROGRAM REPORT: (See Brochure for all details of upcoming events.)

- Several children, adult and senior events are coming up.
- RH now shares senior services with Brentwood, due to duplication of services.
- A management company is being sought to provide lifeguards for the upcoming season. It has been difficult to keep the pool staffed. First priority will be given to current lifeguards and local residents. New Aquatic Manager at RH- Travis Vancil.
- The Heights will be going under renovation within the next year. The pool will need to be rebuilt. Construction will start in fall and completion should wrap by 2020. The Heights will stay open during construction. The goal is to shut down the indoor pool during the summer months so the outdoor pool will be available.

VII. OLD BUSINESS .

- Skateboard Park- Soil testing has been completed. The Stantec contract still needs to be signed before the project can move forward.
- Adult Fitness Equipment for Deer Creek Park . The members would like a glider and if there is enough money, another piece of equipment.
- Park Planning Grant Lindbergh Park- Would like to use a planning grant for the Aquatic Center.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS-

- Deer Creek Fence- MRH School District-Amber Jordan- Athletic Director @ MRH School plus 3 additional coaches from the high school. Proposal for a temporary fence for the baseball and softball seasons. Baseball season- End of February/Beginning of March . 2nd week of May, possibly to June with tournaments. Softball season- Early September to mid October.

School staff states there are safety issues. They also state they can't host post season games due to not having a fence. Staff states the fence would be removed when it is not needed and will be stored at the school.

The Park Board recommends approval, but have the following concerns:

- ✓ Would this be an additional maintenance item (trimming the fence) for the City.
- ✓ Other organizations may want to utilize the fence.
- ✓ Any vandalism needs to be addressed immediately by the school district.
- ✓ Who is responsible if someone gets hurt? School District's fence/City's field.

Dan Noonan made the motion and Cathy Edmond seconded. All were in favor.

- Native Plantings Maplewood Family Aquatic Center- The St. Louis Municipal League has planning and construction grants. Perhaps a planning grant can be used to plant native plants in front of and around the Aquatic Center. Educational signs can be installed to say what the plants are.

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

Karen Clerc motioned to adjourn. Megan Dougherty seconded. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm. Next meeting will be February 15, 2018.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Parks