

MINUTES
CITY OF MAPLEWOOD
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING
July 19, 2018

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

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

III. WELCOME TO VISITORS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS . Visitors, Ralph Bicknese and Nancy Schick. Both visitors were part of the Sustainability Commission and are interested in the Native Plantings for the Aquatic Center. Ralph commented that from the Sustainability Commission, they would like an interpretive sign. Personally, he likes the rock walls. Ralph asked if we have considered the money it will take to maintain the native plantings, especially during the first few years. Nancy commented there is more interest in edible plants. Is it possible to add some edible plants, more along the lines of herbs? The Board would need to think about sustainable edibles vs. herbs. Our current maintenance crew maintains all 9 city parks so they are already stretched pretty thin without adding on the maintenance of the native plantings. Tiffany suggested asking Anthony to request funds for an outside company to come out and do the maintenance that is required. Patty states she uses a company that comes out 2-3 times a year and it isn't all that expensive. Patty can provide the names of companies that take care of landscaping for native plants.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Bob Harsh motioned to approve. Cathy Edmond seconded. All approved.

V. PARK MEMBERS REPORTS ON PARKS

- Ryan Hummert Memorial Park . Good.
- Lindbergh Park- Good.
- Kellogg Park . NA
- Yale Park . NA
- Greenwood Park . NA
- Trolley Park- Good, recovered from the flood.
- Central Park . NA
- Deer Creek Park . Good.
- Sutton Loop Park- Good. Everything looked in order.

VI. PARK MAINTENANCE REPORT: See Monthly Parks Memo dated July 12, 2018. 1. Sutton Loop Park- strike playground, change to pavilion

VII RECREATION PROGRAM REPORT: N/A

VIII. OLD BUSINESS .

Skateboard Park- 2nd Public hearing 7/18/18, well attended. Narrowed down to what features people want and what fits within the budget. Limited contractors work on skate parks. Anthony Traxler is checking to see if we can do another extension for bidding out of contractors for the spring.

IX. NEW BUSINESS-

- Aquatic Center Planning Grant- 2nd Community Meeting- narrowed down to option 2 due to the physical restraints of the other locations. Option 2 is the green space in front of the women's restroom, approximately 1200 sq. feet. Two options were presented for the splash pad. Option 1- flat pad with a variety of water jets, approximately \$360,000. Option 2- has a variety of water jets and includes some interactive water features that are more visible when the splash pad is not on, approximately \$400,000. The Park Board members liked Option 1 with a smaller Aqua Gather Station AKA 1A.
- Re-visited native landscaping plan for the pool, presented by Planning Design Studio. Only change was to include an interpretive sign in the area of the native plant area.
- Bob Harsh asked Tiffany, ~~W~~ho put in the book libraries in all the parks+?
- No Meeting in August

X. ADJOURNMENT: Cathy Edmond motioned to adjourn. Patty DeForrest seconded. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm. Next meeting will be September 20, 2018. Fall picnic/annual park tour will be in October.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Parks