

MINUTES
CITY OF MAPLEWOOD
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING
May 21, 2020

I. CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 7:02 by Dan Noonan.

II. ROLL CALL: Members: Dan Noonan, Cathy Edmond, Lisa Parks, Bob Harsh, Karen Clerc, Megan Dougherty, Patricia DeForrest, Jonathan Taylor, Catherine Maloney. Tiffany Hyde, Assistant Director of Public Works, Anthony Traxler, Director of Public Works/Assistant City Manager, Teresa Proebsting, PARC Director and Laura Miller, Community Development Director were also in attendance.

III. WELCOME TO VISITORS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS –NA

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Patricia DeForrest motioned to approve. Cathy Edmond seconded. All approved.

V. PARK MEMBERS REPORTS ON PARKS

- Ryan Hummert Memorial Park –Good. Grass looks great.
- Lindbergh Park- Good. Construction container and piece of equipment are in the parking lot
- Kellogg Park- Good
- Yale Park– Good
- Greenwood Park– Assigned to Catherine Maloney
- Trolley Park- Good
- Central Park –Good
- Deer Creek – Good
- Sutton Park- Good

All parks playgrounds, roller rink and skateboard parks are currently closed. Staff closes off areas daily with tape; however, patrons remove tape.

VI. OLD BUSINESS –

- Tennis Court Update - Bids for the retaining wall repair are scheduled to be opened on May 28th. Once bids are accepted, work should start immediately.
- Dog Park Hearings - Patti called around to other cities and discovered that most Park Boards don't handle the hearings. The Council is aware the Park Board doesn't want to handle the hearings. Anthony will review the options with the city attorney.

VII. NEW BUSINESS-

- Draft of Park Budgets - Park capital funds are earmarked for storm water improvements and parks and recreation, which has a healthy balance. Reallocating funds will help alleviate the strain on the general fund account. One thing that has been done, is taking 40% of park maintenance staff salaries from the Parks Capital fund. Some street, curb and gutter work will be taken from this fund as well. The parks are in pretty good shape, except for some playground equipment needing replacement. We can apply for grants to replace existing playground equipment. Costs are steadily rising while revenues are declining.

- Pool - The plan is to open on June 15th (still tentative). In regard to capacity, we don't know what the exact number will be, 25% or 50% of capacity? The current thought process is to limit memberships initially to only Maplewood/Richmond Heights residents. There will be no concession services. Possibly no lounge chairs. No cash transactions, only cards and/or passes. There will be social distancing guidelines to follow. May extend the pool season. The Park Board supports the decision to initially limit memberships to Maplewood/Richmond Heights residents only. Pool operations will meet all the CDC guidelines.
- MRH Youth Sports - Tiffany has not heard back from them about dugouts for Ryan Hummert Memorial Park.
- Ryan Hummert Memorial Park - Compliments were given to the city on the handling of the erosion.
- Tents - There are tents in the business district for outdoor eating. Restaurants will be responsible for cleaning and maintaining the tables.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: Megan Dougherty motioned to adjourn. Karen Clerc seconded. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm. Next meeting, June 18, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Parks