

MINUTES
CITY OF MAPLEWOOD
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING
June 17, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 7:03 by Jonathan Taylor.

II. ROLL CALL: Members: Lisa Parks, Bob Harsh, Cathy Edmond, Patricia DeForrest, Jonathan Taylor, Laine Schenkelberg, Dan Noonan, Megan Dougherty, and Tiffany Hyde- Assistant Public Works Director were in attendance.

III. WELCOME TO VISITORS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS: Caroline Strong, Beth Newman, Julie Francois and Stacy Patton were in attendance.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Patricia DeForrest motioned to approve. Bob Harsh seconded. All approved.

V. PARK MEMBERS REPORTS ON PARKS:

- Ryan Hummert Memorial Park- Looks good.
- Lindbergh Park- Good. There is a tree down, not sure if it's on park property. Lots of construction. Replacing curbs and working on street.
- Kellogg Park- Good. Roller only moves in 1 direction, not sure if it's supposed to move both ways.
- Yale Park- Good.
- Greenwood Park- Good.
- Trolley Park- Good.
- Central Park-Good.
- Deer Creek Park – Good. Lots of activity.
- Sutton Loop Park- Great. Fountain is still inoperable.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- Ryan Hummert Memorial Park Dugouts- Caroline Strong presented:
 - Game shades- \$48K-\$54K- No grants found, approached Lowes/Menards to donate materials- no response.
 - Practices start in late March, games finished in late June.
 - Michael Hope, local builder is willing to assist with installation.
 - Laine has looked at grants, but earliest would be next fall if approved.
 - Patti- doesn't feel that cost of project is going to come down.
 - Fields are provided at no charge to MRH Youth Sports. Outside groups pay rental fees.
 - The City has \$7,500 in the budget for this project.
 - Park Board Members agree this is a worthy amenity to have and could potentially attract more groups to rent the park for games.
 - Tiffany will check on if the city allows volunteers under the guidance of a builder to complete the work. Caroline will wait for Tiffany's response to move forward.
- Summer Meeting Schedule-We will have a July meeting.

- Tennis Courts- some punch list items are still outstanding. Staff will reach out to the contractor again for resolution. Meanwhile, staff will get bids from other companies to get these items addressed if the original contractor continues to be nonresponsive.
- Splash pad- The County has sent notes from their plan review to the contractor. The contractor will need to address the notes to the County's satisfaction before we can continue with the project. Tiffany has applied for and received a grant extension. The new deadline is December 31, 2021. Currently, there is no ETA for when the splash pad will be active. The completion timeline is dependent on how quickly the notes can be worked out between the County and the contractor. Is there a way to make the women's restroom accessible since the splash pad has been put on hold? Or can signage be put up in regards to the women's restroom?

VII. NEW BUSINESS-

- Grant Discussion/Municipal Park Grant Application-Max grant amount is \$370,000 for our population. Application is due by the end of August. Replacing the playground equipment at Central or Greenwood Parks could be an option.
- In the past, we have gone off the wish list to identify projects for a grant.
- Maplewood has received 7 construction grants and 3 planning grants thus far.
- Laine has looked at different options for grants such as state and conservations grants.
- Consensus is to hold off on applying for any grants until the Master Plan has been developed.
- If we don't apply for a grant with the Municipal League this year, we will build up points and have a better chance for funding next year.

Complaints about white residue staining and, in some cases, ruining swimsuits. Tiffany stated she wasn't aware of this. This had been a problem 3-4 years ago and the City reimbursed patrons for their suits.

Discussion about the type of floatation devices that are allowed at the Aquatic Center. A pool representative will be present at the next meeting to field questions.

A new City Manager has been hired and will start in August. He is coming from Ohio.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: Patty DeForrest motioned to adjourn. Megan Dougherty seconded. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm. Next meeting July 15, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Parks