

PARKS AND OPEN SPACE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

May 9, 2024

The Mound Parks and Open Spaces Commission met on Thursday, May 9, 2024, at 7:00pm in the Council Chambers at the Centennial Building.

Present: Chair Mark Stehlik, Commissioners Kim Blievernicht, Travis Mills and Joanna Kahn.

Absent: City Council Representative Sherrie Pugh.

Others Present: Deputy City Manager, Maggie Reisdorf.

Public Present: None.

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Stehlik at 7:00pm.

2. **Roll Call**

Present: Chair Stehlik, Commissioners Blievernicht, Mills, and Kahn.

Absent: City Council Representative Pugh.

3. **Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Blievernicht to approve the agenda, second by Mills; Motion carried 4-0.

4. **Approve Minutes from 4-11-24 Meeting**

Motion by Mills to approve the minutes, second by Blievernicht. Motion carried 4-0.

5. **Comments and Suggestions from Citizens Present**

NA.

6. **2024 Park Visits Review**

Reisdorf introduced this item to the POSC. She informed that on an annual basis the POSC commissioners divide up the city parks and do visits to review each park's amenities, immediate needs, and future recommended priorities. She said that at the meeting tonight, the commissioners will each review the parks that they visited. Reisdorf explained that staff would then meet internally to review the information, put a plan together on how to address concerns and questions, and provide an update back to the POSC.

Each present POSC commissioner went through each of their parks and reviewed what they liked about the park, what was working well, and any concerns or recommendations.

Overall, the POSC had many positive things to say about the city's parks and open spaces. There were minor suggestions made for some parks including updating/replacing picnic tables, adding additional dog waste bag stations, removing minor graffiti markings, and doing small maintenance fixes to amenities.

The POSC also talked about adding to a future meeting the discussion of if and where some Frisbee golf baskets and tee boxes could be installed.

7. **Park Rename Discussion**

Reisdorf introduced this item to the POSC. She stated that at the April 11, 2024 POSC meeting, the commission discussed the renaming of Harbor Park. She stated that at that meeting, the Commission directed commissioner Kahn to reach out to the Lake Minnetonka Historical Society (LMHC) to see if they had any recommendation for park names based on significant community historical events. The POSC also mentioned that in the past, a park study solicited names for the park.

Kahn informed that she did reach out to the Lake Minnetonka Historical Society and hasn't received a response. The POSC asked Kahn and Reisdorf to try a little longer to connect with someone and if they don't respond, then the commission will move forward without LMHC recommendations.

Reisdorf provided the surveyed park names that were included in the park study. She informed that the top name choices were: Harbor Park (62%), Lost Lake Park or Lost Lake Landing, and/or something with historical reference. The POSC asked Reisdorf to reach out to the company who did the survey to see if she could get more information on how the survey solicited for park names.

Commissioner Mills asked for an update on what is currently referred to as Harbor Park and the timeline for the different project phases.

Reisdorf informed that Phase I is scheduled to start in fall of 2024. She said Phase II is tentatively scheduled for early summer 2025 and Phase III in 2027 – 2028.

8. Reports

Kahn asked if the Park Commission was interested in having an information booth at the farmers' market again this year. She informed that the application is due soon. The POSC agreed to do a booth again at the farmers' market and with the goal of having a space a few weekends throughout the summer months. The POSC agreed that they want to get a better idea of which parks are adopted before soliciting for volunteers for the vacant parks and open spaces. Reisdorf said she should have a good idea by the June meeting.

9. Adjourn

Mills moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 pm. Blievernicht seconded. Motion carried 4-0.