



City of Hastings
Parks & Recreation

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Parks & Recreation Commission

Work Session Agenda

Wednesday, December 13, 2016 – 5:00 PM

City Hall – Council Chambers Room

- I. Call to Order 5:00 p.m.
Commissioner Chair, David Juntenen called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
- II. Roll Call
Present: Commissioners; Nicole DePalma, Sheila Hedin, David Juntenen, Jordan Polehna, and Scott Pengelly, Director, Chris Jenkins and Recreation Program Specialist, Paige Marschall Bigler
Absent: Commissioner, Joe Quinn
- III. Determination of Quorum
Quorum is present: 5:6
- IV. Approval of Minutes 5:05 p.m.
Commissioner Jordan Polehna motioned to approve minutes, Commissioner Hedin seconded the motion. Motion approved 6:6
 - a. Approve Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting on October 11, 2016
And November 9, 2016
- V. Presentation: Andy Meier with A.C.O.E. 5:10 p.m.
Director Jenkins gave a brief introduction of presenter, Andy Meier.
 - a. Forest Management Plan at Lake Rebecca
Andy Meier provided an overview of the Army Core of Engineers. The A.C.O.E owns the land near Lake Rebecca and views the projects at Lake Rebecca as a collaborative opportunity with the City of Hastings. He gave a comprehensive overview of forest management at Lake Rebecca. Andy expanded on buck thorn and noted it is an invasive species. The A.C.O.E. plans to move forward with a contract for buckthorn control as soon as possible. Meier also provided details on the current conditions at Lake Rebecca. The A.C.O.E plans to provide a sense of sustainability by identifying tree species and planting trees on the land. Meier provided a draft timeline for restoration. Commissioner DePalma asked about the moisture increase in the area. Meier addressed Commissioner DePalma's inquiry by explaining about the space and influences. Commissioner Polehna asked if the Lake is higher or lower. Meier note the lake is higher. Director Jenkins and Commissioner Pengelly commented. Director Jenkins addressed the Commission and is looking for support from the Commission in regards to the Forest Management Project. This project mirrors the work The Friends of the Mississippi River is currently doing through restoration and more. Commissioner Polehna motioned to support the initiative. Commissioner DePalma seconded the motion. Motion approved 4:6
- VI. Ordinance and Policy on boulevard trees 5:40 p.m.
Director Jenkins gave an overview of the ordinances and policy on boulevard trees. Director Jenkins

is looking to Commission for interpretation and recommendation on the current ordinance. Explanation and discussion around the topic occurred.

Commissioner Pengelly, Polehna, Juntunen, and DePalma all agree this is a proper interpretation and appropriate policy of City ordinance. Commissioner Pengelly motioned to agree on the current ordinance. Commission Chair, Juntunen seconded the motion.

Motion approved 4:6

a. Department Updates

5:50 p.m.

Director Jenkins provided updates on the City of Hastings Parks and Recreation Department.

Director Jenkins recognized Commissioner Chair, David Juntunen

b. Commissioner Reports

5:55 p.m.

Commissioner Polehna inquired about outdoor ice rinks. Director Jenkins noted there is one rink location in each Ward within the City of Hastings.

Commissioner Chair, David Juntunen motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Polehna seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 10, 2016

All times are approximate