



**City of Hastings**  
**Parks & Recreation**

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**Parks & Recreation Commission Agenda**

Tuesday, May 9th, 2017 – 6:00 PM  
*City Hall – Council Chambers Room*

**I. Call to Order** **6:00 pm**

Present: Director Chris Jenkins, Commissioners: Joe Quinn, Nicole DePalma, Dave Pemble, Chelsea Piskor, Ben Spader, Commission Chair, Jordan Polehna, Recreation Programmer, Paige Marschall Bigler, and Sports Coordinator, Phil Vargas

Absent: Commissioner, Jo Lyn Augesen

Commission meeting called to order by Commission Chair, Jordan Polehna at 6:06 p.m.

**II. Roll Call**

Recreation Programmer, Paige Marschall Bigler, Commissioner, Dave Pemble, Commissioner, Ben Spader, Chair, Jordan Polehna, Commissioner, Nicole DePalma, Commissioner, Chelsea Piskor, Commissioner Joe Quinn, and Parks and Recreation Director, Chris Jenkins

**III. Determination of Quorum**

Quorum is present 6:7

**IV. Approval of Minutes**

- a. Approve Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting on April 11, 2017

Commissioner Quinn motioned to approve minutes. Commissioner Pemble seconded approval of minutes

**V. New Business** **6:10 pm**

- a. Hastings Sports and Recreation – presentation and Q&A session by Sports Coordinator, Phil Vargas & Recreation Programmer, Paige Marschall Bigler

Sports Coordinator, Phil Vargas and Recreation Programmer, Paige Marschall Bigler provided an overview of Hastings sports and recreation throughout the seasons. Highlights included; community events, youth programming, and adult sports leagues. Vargas also shared statistics and details on outdoor facilities including; soccer fields, softball fields, volleyball courts, and outdoor rinks.

- b. Which P&R function to focus on next month?

Commissioners expressed interest to focus on Forestry and Park Maintenance.

- c. Advertisement Proposal

Director Jenkins provided commissioners with an overview of the Hastings Hawks organization. Jenkins outlined a drafted advertisement proposal from the Hastings Hawks; which would benefit Hastings Parks and Recreation by providing revenue for general repair or maintenance at Veterans Park ballfield and provide the Hastings Hawks with revenue to continue their efforts. Commissioners discussed the drafted proposal and the opportunity to provide revenue to the ball fields.

Director Jenkins noted the possibility of having a Hastings Hawks representative attend the next Commission meeting.

- d. Youth Parks and Recreation Commissioner

Commissioners would like to explore the option to add a Youth commissioner to the Parks and Recreation Commission. Director Jenkins will review City ordinance and bring the conversation back to the Commission for further discussion.

VI. Department Updates

6:40 pm

Recent updates provided by Director Jenkins included; the status of the DNR grants and new playground placements, Emerald Ash Borer in the City of Hastings and how the City would like to address boulevard and park trees, the Aquatic Center opening June 4<sup>th</sup>, and park maintenance in full swing maintaining 400 acres and 37 parks.

Commissioner Pemble motioned to adjourn meeting. Commissioner Piskor seconded to adjourn meeting. Meeting Adjourned 7.04 p.m.

***Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.***

*All times are approximate*