



City of Hastings
Parks & Recreation

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Parks & Recreation Commission Agenda

Tuesday, September 12, 2017 – 6:00 PM
Parks Office – Conference Room - 920 W. 10th St. Hastings

Work Session

Present: Parks and Recreation Commission Chair, Jordan Polehna, Commissioners: Ben Spader, Jo Lyn Augesen, Nicole DePalma, Dave Pemble, Chelsea Piskor, Parks and Recreation Director, Chris Jenkins, Recreation Program Specialist, Paige Marschall Bigler
Absent: Commissioner, Joe Quinn

I. Memorial Program 6:00 p.m.

a. Memorial Bench and Tree Program

Parks and Recreation Commissioners discussed traditional and non-traditional ideas for memorial bench and tree program alternatives.

i. Program Alternatives

Alternative ideas included; a trail section dedication, flower beds, circle benches around trees, decorative fountains, and other permanent structures in the park system.

Commissioners discussed permanent versus short-term commissioned memorials.

Director Jenkins noted a permanent idea would need to be tied to a fee structure which is approved by City Council yearly.

Commissioners also discussed a sculpture garden, living forest dedication, naming fields at Veterans Park Ballfields, dedication of playground equipment, fire pits, engraved stones, archways to trails, and cost association.

Director Jenkins encouraged Commissioners to look into other municipalities' memorial programs. Commissioner Augesen asked Director Jenkins to categorize ideas based on attainability. Director Jenkins will provide Commissioners with a categorized list based on attainable ideas but does not want to limit Commissioners creativity.

II. Fall Programs & Events 6:30 p.m.

a. Overview of upcoming programs and events

Recreation Program Specialist, Paige Marschall Bigler, provided a brief overview of upcoming fall programs and events.

III. Department Updates

Director Jenkins provided Parks and Recreation Commissioners with a variety of updates. The new playground at Wilson Park is being installed this week. The portable warming house located at Levee Park during the winter months will have a mural painting commissioned coordinated by the City Arts Task Force. Director Jenkins and the Executive Director of Hastings YMCA went on a tour of skate parks throughout the metro to review possible ideas for skate park configurations; focusing on a site near the YMCA. Director Jenkins recently attended a meeting for the Hastings Red Wing Trail concept tied into Cannon Valley Trail. The Parks crew installed stairs and hostas near the Roadside Park slide to fix the hillside. A monarch garden was installed at Jaycee Park as a part of the Mayors Monarch Pledge. The Aquatic Center is currently being winterized. Parks Staff will be attending the Annual MNRPA Conference the week of October 10th. Commissioners agreed upon an alternative meeting date of Wednesday, October 4, 2017 6:00 PM at City Hall.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 4, 2017 at 6:00pm

All times are approximate