



City of Hastings
Parks & Recreation

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Parks & Recreation Commission Agenda

Tuesday, August 8, 2017 – 6:00 PM

City Hall – Council Chambers Room

I. Call to Order 6:00 p.m.

Present: Parks and Recreation Director, Chris Jenkins, Commissioners: Chelsea Piskor, Nicole DePalma, Commission Chair, Jordan Polehna, Commissioners: Joe Quinn, Jo Lyn Augesen, Recreation Programmer, Paige Marschall Bigler, Arena Manager, Jeff Elliott, Parks Intern, Derek Ostman
Absent: Commissioner, Dave Pemble and Ben Spader

II. Determination of Quorum
Quorum is present: 5:7

III. Approval of Minutes 6:10 p.m.

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

Commissioner DePalma motioned to approve minutes, Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion to approve the July, 11 2017 minutes.

IV. New Business 6:15 p.m.

a. Arena Overview, presentation and Q&A – Arena Manager; Jeff Elliott

Arena Manager, Jeff Elliott, provided an overview of his professional and personal background. Elliott outlined Hastings Civic Arena history, revenues, expenses, rentals, staff, special events, arena users, tournaments, open skating opportunities and future improvements.

Commissioners asked Arena Manager a variety of questions; additional questions can be answered through e-mail jelliott@hastingsmn.gov or phone 651-480-6195

b. Memorial Bench and Tree Program

Director Jenkins provided an overview of our current Memorial Bench and Tree program in the City of Hastings. Jenkins encouraged interested commissioners to research other memorial ideas in different cities, other than memorial benches or trees. Commissioners Quinn, DePalma and Augesen offered to look into other programs.

c. Park Improvement Request – Shelter at Lake Isabel Park

Director Chris Jenkins introduced a recent Park Improvement Request from East Hastings Improvement Association. The residents from the East Hastings improvement association are requesting a park shelter be placed at Lake Isabel. Director Jenkins plans to reach out to the Association to encourage them to develop details on what their vision is for a park shelter and invite them to an upcoming Commission meeting to share their vision.

V. Department Updates

6:50 p.m.

Jenkins updated the Commission on the status of Wilson Park. The Wilson Park playground will be installed this summer. The DNR Grant for Lions Park was received and the install is expected for Summer 2018.

The Aquatic Center is open through August 27th, we have received over 700 swimming lesson registrations. The Arena will start their busy season next month.

Commissioner DePalma motioned to adjourn meeting. Commissioner Piskor seconded motion to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned 7:00 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at 6:00pm

All times are approximate