



City of Hastings
Parks & Recreation

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Parks & Recreation Commission Agenda

Tuesday, November 14, 2017 – 6:00 PM
City Hall – Council Chambers Room

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

Present: Parks and Recreation Director, Chris Jenkins, Commissioner, Chelsea Piskor, Commissioner, Dave Pemble, Commission Chair, Jordan Polehna, Commissioner, Jo Lyn Augesen, Commissioner, Nicole DePalma and Recreation Programming Specialist, Paige Marschall Bigler
Absent: Commissioners: Joe Quinn 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 October 4, 2017

Commissioner Pemble motioned to approve minutes. Commissioner DePalma seconded motion for approval. Minutes approved;
5 ayes, 0 nays

IV. New Business 6:15 p.m.

- a. Discuss potential sites for a new neighborhood park near Veterans Athletic Complex

Director Jenkins introduced potential sites for a new neighborhood park using the Dakota County GIS website. Jenkins identified locations on City acreage. Commissioners and Director Jenkins reviewed the acreage including: the neighborhoods it will serve, accessibility, space, multi-function, nature based-play, inclusive structures and additional aspects. Director Jenkins requested Commissioners support and direction on whether to continue with further investigation.

Commissioner Pemble recommended the Parks and Recreation Commission to continue further investigation. Parks and Recreation Commission agreed to continue researching and discussing a potential site for a new neighborhood park near Veterans Athletic Complex.

Parks and Recreation Commissioner, Pemble, motioned to make a recommendation to City Council for new Park considerations. Commissioner Piskor seconded the motion. Motion approved: 5 ayes, 0 nays
Commissioners and Director Jenkins will a plan time to schedule a visit to the sites or visit individually.

V. Old Business 6:50 p.m.

- a. Review circle bench options for memorial program

Commissioners reviewed the circle bench options including style, pricing and structure. Director Jenkins welcomed Commissioners to share their recommendation on whether or not to include the option in the Memorial Bench Program Guide for 2018.

Jenkins reminded Commission the Updated fee schedule is due by December 1, 2017 for the City Council meeting, Monday, December 4, 2017. Director Jenkins will put together a final price on the cost of the circle bench, including installation and on-going maintenance.

Commissioner Pemble motioned to add the Benches to the 2018 Fee structure. Commissioner DePalma seconded the motion. Motion approved; 5 ays, 0 nays

b. Review stone bench option for memorial program

Director Jenkins is awaiting information from a stone quarry for options. Once the information is provided, Director Jenkins will share the information with the Parks and Recreation Commission. Commissioner Pemble motioned to add the stone bench option to the 2018 Fee schedule; Commissioner DePalma seconded the motion. Motion approved: 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Commissioner, Nicole DePalma, shared an Article *Live to Age Well*, "Prairie Oaks Memorial Eco Gardens and Memory Forest", correlating with the Commissions on-going conversation for long term ideas for the Memorial Program. Commissioners will discuss the idea further at upcoming Parks and Recreation Commission meetings.

VI. General Updates

Recreation Programming Specialist, Paige Marschall Bigler provided data from the Annual Community Halloween Party as well as upcoming events. Director Jenkins provided department updates including maintenance.

Commissioner DePalma motioned to adjourn meeting. Commissioner Pemble seconded the motion. Motion approved; 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Meeting adjourned: 7:10 p.m.

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

All times are approximate