

Chaska Park Board
Meeting Minutes
April 9th, 2018

1. Call to Order

The April meeting of the Chaska Park Board was called to order by Chairman Grau at 7pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

2. Roll Call

Present: Grau, Roan, Downs, Gutierrez, Mihajlov, Mason, Wittrock, Olsen, Branch, Flaherty-Wilcox.

Absent: Ives

Staff Present: Marshall Grange, Mary Monteith

3. Adopt the Agenda

Mason requested addition to agenda of board nominations to council for 2018 Park Board chair and vice chair.

Motion by Mason, second by Downs, to add nomination of board chair and vice chair to the meeting agenda under 8.D. Motion carried.

Motion to accept the April meeting agenda with the addition of the nominations under 8.D by Olsen, second by Mihajlov. Motion carried.

4. Visitor Presentation

A.) The Chaska Chanhassen Mountain Bike Team was present to discuss a Chaska partnership opportunity for a mountain bike trail located off Pioneer Trail and Audubon. The site is owned by MN DOT, located in Chaska city limits. Representatives from the group shared an educational video on mountain bike organizations and popularity across the state. They are seeking approval for a Limited Use Permit on the sight located off Pioneer Trail. Staff are looking into liability, trail upkeep, memorandum of understanding and the permit responsibilities to each party. Staff to report back at May meeting.

5. Approve Meeting Minutes

March Meeting Minutes: Revise to reflect Nick Mason's absence.

Motion by Wittrock, second by Olsen to approve the amended Chaska Park Board minutes of March 12th, 2018. Motion carried.

6. Old Business

A.) Grange brought forth information on the upcoming joint work session on a dog park with the Council on April 16th at 5:30 at City Hall. This session will be to discuss whether a dog park is still a priority, what things in a location are key, looking at pros and cons of the two current sites, as well as looking at a new option added to the mix.

B.) Grange brought board up to date on the park names received back from the City Council for renaming old Veteran's Park. The four names are: 212 Park, Diamond Park, Freeway Park and Sunset Park. After board discussion, the board voted to recommend Sunset Park to the council.

Motion by Olsen to recommend Sunset Park as the new name for old Veteran's Park, second by Wittrock. Motion carried. Mason a Nye, as felt the previous recommendations to council should have been honored.

7. New Business

A.) City Square West Redevelopment task force representative, Mason, brought the board up to date on progress made by the task force. Handouts with various layouts were reviewed and discussed. Board asked that Mason relay to the taskforce the importance of continued communications to the current businesses located there and the importance of those businesses to our community. Also mentioned was the importance of keeping the library located downtown.

8. Other Business

A.) Grange reviewed with the board the various Parks and Recreation department happenings.

B.) Board received the Council meeting minutes from December 4th, December 18th, 2017 and January 8th, February 5th and 26th and March 19th.

C.) Board received the Planning Commission minutes from December 13th, 2017 and January 10th, 2018.

D.) Board discussed nominations to City Council of board chair and vice chair for 2018.

Mason recommended Jonathan Grau as board chair, Dave Roan as vice chair. Second by Downs. Motion carried.

9. Roundtable

Rochester Conference

Welcome to new board members

Mammoth Trail

Signage and communications out to the public, and sports teams on Sunset Park name change

Prairie Fire success

Roberts Rules

Jonathan Trails

Big Woods Park-identified for Miracle Field

10. Adjourn

Motion by Roan to adjourn the April 9th, 2018 meeting of the Chaska Park Board, second by Wittrock. Motion Carried.