

Chaska Park Board  
Meeting Minutes  
August 13, 2018

**1. Call to Order**

The August 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, Mihajlov, Wittrock, Branch, Flaherty-Wilcox.

Absent: Ruiz Gutierrez, Ives, Olsen

Staff Present: Marshall Grange, Mary Monteith, Jeff Isaacson

**3. Adopt the Agenda**

Motion by Downs, second by Mihajlov to approve the August Agenda. Motion carried.

**4. Visitor Presentation**

None

**5. Approve Meeting Minutes**

Correction to the July meeting minutes, David Downs was present at the meeting.

Motion by Wittrock, second by Flaherty-Wilcox to approve the Chaska Park Board minutes of July 9th, 2018 with revision that David Downs was at the July meeting. Motion carried.

**6. Old Business**

A.) Curling Night in America

Curling Center Manager, Jeff Isaacson, was present to update the board on various exciting news from the curling world. The upcoming Curling Night in America, which will occur at the Curling and Event Center, is August 27-29. Countries participating in addition to the USA, are: China, Japan, Italy. A total of nine games will be taped and aired on NBCSN in the fall.

Ticket sales have been great, all evening draws are sold out (250 tickets). We are working to fill the seats for the morning and afternoon draws with AOA's, students, sponsors etc.

Chaska Curling Center will also play host to the U18 Championship in March 2019. Last year Bemidji hosted 24 teams.

Curling staff are currently working with USA Curling to become a National training site. This would be great for the community. The Curling Center would host training camps, as well as

individual and team practices. Staff will work to find a good balance with ice time for both training and members.

Isaacson also shared current membership numbers at 1,324 and corporate curling events at 190 so far this year. The Fire and Ice Bonspiel was a huge success, with 48 teams participating from all around the globe. They joined in with many others, enjoying the great ice, bands and fireworks!

#### B.) Lion's Park Off-Leash Dog Area (OLDA) Update

Grange updated the Board on current activity happening at the OLDA.

Park crews were busy today with taking down hockey boards and electrical poles around the rink 2 area. Crews will then focus on addressing the turf needs. Site furnishings will be ordered this week as well as work started on the bathrooms. Timeframe still allows for opening late October/early November contingent on good weather.

Staff will keep updating the public on site progress via social media avenues to keep the buzz going.

#### C.) Carver Trails/MnDOT LUP Update

Grange gave an update on the Carver Trails mountain bike trail project. MnDOT turned over a portion of their right of way to Carver County and since the proposed trails fall within that area, the City of Chaska will need to obtain a permit from Carver County in addition to the Limited Use Permit from MnDOT specific to the right of way they own. Grange will continue to work with MnDOT and Carver County to obtain the appropriate permits with the intent to bring to City Council for their approval.

#### D.) Veteran's Park Update

Grange is attending weekly on-site construction meetings. Things are really starting to come together. Concrete on the back side of the park is complete. Benches are in, the archery shooting deck is done and the add on to both sides of the shelter are complete. Even with starting later than planned this past spring due to weather, the goal is still to be done November 11<sup>th</sup>, Veterans Day.

E.) Grange updated board on progress with the 2040 Plan. Staff continue to work with Hoisington on research and organizing data. Community surveys will be out this week to Chaska residents via Facebook, email and twitter, with the hope of gathering additional feedback to use in the plan. They will be open to the public for the next 2/3 weeks. One thing to note, that in the 2030 Plan, it showed a regional trail along Highway 41. Current talk has been to re-align this trail into the current trail system over by the railroad tracks off Pioneer Trail, then coming south along existing trails. Staff would look at Federal funding over next couple years to help make this happen. Updates to come next month.

### 7. Other Business

A.) Director's Update-Grange covered many of the Parks and Recreation events happening throughout Chaska this month.

The September 10<sup>th</sup> Park Board meeting conflicts with the Council meeting that night, so Park Board will be doing a work session and tour of parks. More to come!

**8. Roundtable**

Mihajlov-Incredible summer with Fire and Ice as well as getting the dog park approved!  
Grau-Asked about iPads for board members, no decision made at this time yet.  
Roan-Felt the proclamation for Nick Mason done by the Mayor and Council was very nice.  
Wittrock-Thank you to those who help pick up trash around our community.

**9. Adjourn**

Motion to Adjourn by Roan, second by Wittrock