

Chaska Park Board  
Meeting Minutes  
December 10th, 2018

**1. Call to Order**

The December 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, Ives, Wittrock, Branch, Flaherty-Wilcox.

Absent: Mihajlov, Olsen

Staff Present: Mary Monteith

Staff Absent: Marshall Grange

**3. Adopt the Agenda**

Motion by Roan, second by Wittrock, to approve the December 10th meeting agenda. Motion carried.

**4. Visitor Presentation**

Lyle Merdan, 2816 Spy Glass Drive, Chaska, was present. Merdan wanted to thank the park board for the development of the off-leash dog area at Lions Park. As a past park board member, he really appreciates that the idea has finally come to completion. Everyone he talks to at the park loves it, especially his dog!

**5. Approve Meeting Minutes**

Motion by Ives, second by Downs to approve the Chaska Park Board meeting minutes of October 8th, 2018. Motion carried.

**6. New Business**

Recommendations for 2019 Park board chair-Chairman Grau asked for nominations for the 2019 board chair position. Commissioner Ives nominated Dave Roan for chair position. No other nominations for chair came forward.

Motion by Ives to nominate Dave Roan to city council for Park Board Chair position, second by Wittrock. Motion carried.

Recommendations for 2019 board vice chair-Chairman Grau asked for nominations for 2019 board vice chair position. Commissioner Branch stated he would like to nominate himself for vice chair position. No other nominations for vice chair came forward.

Motion by Grau to nominate Jason Branch to city council for Park Board Vice Chair position, second by Ives. Motion carried.

## **7. Old Business**

A.) Monteith updated the board on progress at Lion's Park Off-Leash Dog Area. Public Works staff has been busy with removing the old bridge, the new bridge is to be installed within the next couple weeks. On-going work continues with clearing out brush from the back wooded area. The fence posts are also in, fencing, will be installed as weather allows. Lots of doggy traffic continues!

B.) Monteith mentioned the park dedication at Veterans Park was amazing. Close to 200 people were in attendance on a very cold day. The community gathering at the VFW was also well attended. We will continue to collect challenge coins over the winter months and then install them in the display case next spring. We also are promoting a holiday push on the sale of the Veterans Park inaugural coin. The coins will be available for sale at Parks and Recreation, the Chaska History Center, the Chaska Legion and Chaska VFW.

C.) Monteith mentioned that the 2040 Comprehensive Plan was recently approved by the council and now sent out for a 6-month review process to Carver County, various surrounding cities, District 112, and the Met Council. The plan is also on-line for public viewing on the city website. After the 6-month review, the plan will come back to council for discussion and final approval.

D.) Monteith gave an update on how the informational meeting with MN Bike Alliance went last month. There was a good turn out and good discussion at both the stakeholder meeting as well as the community gathering that evening. Some of the stakeholders, along with Grange, went on a trail ride tour to assess trail conditions, wayfinding and location. A report of findings will be put together by staff from MN Bike Alliance. They will report back after the new year with findings and recommendations as far as next steps to take for applying for the Bicycle Friendly Community designation.

## **8. Other Business**

A.) Monteith covered many of the recreational events happening throughout Chaska this month. Lots of holiday fun! Also, provided information on the gallery artists featured these last two months at the CCC.

B.) Board Roundtable

- Branch-Veterans Park dedication really was amazing.
- Ives mentioned how great it is to have the dog park open; has his dog there 3/4 times a week. In visiting with other users, feedback has all been positive. He did mention the need to keep up with re- stocking the dog doo bags.
- Roan-Shared information on attending the recent Eastern Carver County Linking Trails He found it to be a very interesting, informative meeting. They talked about the area along the MN bluff that washed out and the challenges to fund repairs. Look to hear more as time goes on.

Board members gave thanks and good wishes to outgoing Chair Jonathan Grau, as this is the last meeting prior to the move to his councilmen position. Grau reflected on the various accomplishments

over the years the board has been a part of. He also responded with a push for community members to consider applying to the park board commission.

**9. Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn the December meeting by Grau, second by Roan. Motion Carried.