

**CITY OF NORTH ST. PAUL  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES**

**May 27, 2020  
6:30 PM**

The May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting was held via Zoom and complied  
with all requirements of Minnesota State Statute 13D.021.

Due to the Governor's Emergency Declaration, the Mayor has determined that in-person meetings during this pandemic are not practical or safe. All meetings of the City Council and other City-governed boards and commissions will be held by telephone or other electronic means until further notice. (Minn. Stat. 13D.021)

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Lloyd Grachek called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

**Lloyd Grachek, Chair**  
**Laura Greenlee-Karp, Vice Chair (absent)**  
**Larry Amsden**  
**Tim Cole**  
**Heather Haas**  
**Ingrid Koller**  
**Sue Springborn**  
**Nancy Thorsen**  
**Sarah Zahradka**

**Ex-Officio: Open**

**Council Liaison: Candy Petersen- (absent)**

**Staff: Jill Officer**  
**Keith Stachowski**  
**Debra Gustafson**

**III. ADOPT AGENDA**

On motion by Commissioner Koller, seconded by Commissioner Thorsen with all present voting aye, motion carried to adopt the agenda.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. Approve the April 22, 2020 regular meeting minutes**

On motion by Commissioner Zahradka, seconded by Commissioner Haas with all present voting aye, motion carried to approve the April 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting minutes.

## V. MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

*Note: This is a courtesy extended to persons wishing to address the Commission concerning issues that are not on the agenda. This discussion will be limited to 15 minutes.*

## VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS

## VII. COMMISSION BUSINESS ACTION ITEMS & RECOMMENDATIONS

**A. Outdoor Park Trail Exercise Equipment-** current wood equipment by trail. Commissioner Zahradka states it is a good time putting outdoor gym equipment there as people are less comfortable going back into a gym. Commissioner Cole adds that a percentage should be ADA compliant. Commissioner Koller recommends the equipment be in a group setting rather than spread out. Commissioner Amdsen requested getting quotes on equipment. Debra Gustafson confirmed the money from the park dedication fund could be used toward the equipment.

*On motion by Commissioner Zahradka to begin the process of updating the old exercise equipment at Casey Lake Park to new outdoor exercise equipment. Commissioner Haas seconds motion, all present saying aye. Motion carried to proceed with updating the outdoor equipment.*

**B. Previously discussed option of dog park in equipment area-** Several reasons were presented that a different location would better be suited for this. Some residents in the Casey Lake area did not want a dog park by Casey Lake, there are several dog parks in neighboring cities, a location in an area where there are no yards would be more beneficial, or use areas such as hockey rinks/ball fields that are not in use as dog parks.

**C. Hause Park Tennis Court Resurfacing Quotes-** Keith Stachowski presented quotes to resurface the tennis courts for tennis and pickle ball. Group discussed how this will help with the need for outdoor activity and people not wanting to go back into the gym. Also suggested to talk to area residents about noise and hours of operation.

*Commissioner Cole makes a recommendation to resurface the Hause tennis courts, Commissioner Thorsen seconds the motion with all present saying aye. Commissioner Springborn was absent at the time of vote.*

**D. Future Park and Recreation Meeting Discussion-** PRC meetings to be held via zoom and the next month's meeting location will be determined based on safety guidelines.

**E. Silver Lake Beach- Opening date and Lifeguard schedule** –people are already swimming. Lifeguards are not scheduled at this time, days and times are still under discussion. Commissioner Koller recommended “no fishing” signage in beach area.

**F. 2020 Polar Explorers Program Planning** –take home kits are available for June and July

**G. PRC goals for 2020** –Keith requests committee members to walk through parks and see where they need improvements.

**H. Summer Concert Update-** June concert date is canceled, waiting on July and August. Phase II of shutdown only allows for drive in events.

**I. Silver Lake Tennis Court Bench Purchase** –Keith S. presented pricing for possibly (2) benches. Commissioner Koller suggests holding off on purchasing until we gather feedback on location.

## **VIII. REPORTS FROM STAFF**

**A.** Reopening of Park Play Equipment- the city of North St Paul officially reopened all city Park Equipment on Saturday May 16th

**B.** Silver Lake 19<sup>th</sup> Ave Trail- The Trail along the South Shore of Silver Lake paving project was completed May 8, 2020

**C.** Silver Lake Tennis Court Project completed- The Silver Lake Tennis court resurfacing project was completed May 18, 2020

**D.** Casey Lake Building Protective wall covering -North St. Paul Public Work Staff is installing protective wall sheeting, window and door trim around the entire main room at the Casey Lake Building. Barn door installed in kitchen. Acoustic tiles still on order.

**E.** Silver Lake Improvement Association Earth Day clean-up event- Silver Lake Improvement Association coordinated the Silver Lake Earth day Clean-up event April 18-21, 2020. Email from coordinator estimated 70 participants.

**F.** Star Watch –presenter is open to doing full presentation all outdoors.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion by Commissioner Cole, seconded by Commissioner Haas with all present voting aye, motion carried to adjourn.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.**

***Next meeting: June 24, 2020 – online meeting format*** via Zoom.