



Watertown Park Commission Meeting

DeAnna Clemens
Terry Gallagher
Danette Painschab
Joel Skoog
Brad Kipp
Brian Lonquist
Adam Pawelk

2/17/2021 - Minutes

1. Call To Order And Roll Call

Park Commission Chair Danette Painschab called the Watertown Park Commission meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 17, 2021 via Zoom.

Park Commission members present: Painschab, DeAnna Clemens, Joel Skoog, Terry Gallagher, Brian Lonquist, and Brad Kipp.

Council liaison: Mike Walters.

Staff members present: City Administrator Shane Fineran and Administrative Services Director Lynn Tschudi.

2. New Business

GALLAGHER MOVED, CLEMENS SECONDED A MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. ALL PRESENTED VOTED AYE, MOTION CARRIED.

3. Updates From Staff

3.A. Approve October 21 Meeting Minutes

KIPP MOVED, CLEMENS SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 21, 2020. ALL PRESENT VOTED AYE, MOTION CARRIED.

3.B. Commission Officer Selection

Park Chair Danette Painschab explained that officers need to be selected every year. Currently, Painschab is the Chair with DeAnna Clemens serving as the Vice Chair.

GALLAGHER MOVED, KIPP SECONDED A MOTION TO KEEP THE OFFICERS THE SAME FOR 2021. ALL PRESENT VOTED AYE, MOTION CARRIED.

3.C. 2022 Park Capital Projects

City Administrator Fineran said there are two projects identified for rehabilitation or new development in

2022. These are the Wildflower neighborhood park playground equipment and the park space deeded to the city as part of the Forest Hills 9th addition.

Fineran said the Wildflower park was installed in the early 2000's and is the only park in the development. There is \$86,945 budgeted to replace the playground features. In 2019, the basketball court was resurfaced, and the basketball hoop was replaced.

Fineran said the open space in the Forest Hills neighborhood is .49 acres that will have a sidewalk connection to the interior of the space from Burr Oak Lane. The budget for this space is \$29,000.

Fineran asked the Park Commission for direction on the two projects to begin planning for 2022. He reviewed the items for consideration for both park projects.

Commission members discussed their considerations for the Wildflower playground including age group, wood fiber fill, and play structures. Fineran stated that the parcel of land off of 30th Street could eventually be used for future park space since it is City owned.

Commission members agreed that replacing the Wildflower equipment targeting the same age range is appropriate. Older kids can bike to the newer play structure at the Sugarbush playground.

Commissioner Kipp asked if the \$86,000 for the Wildflower park is for structure replacement or site prep. Fineran said the largest part of the budget is always for the play containers. He said if the concrete container is in good condition, the \$86,000 should buy a lot in play structures.

Chair Painschab suggested hosting a public input session for the Wildflower Park. Kipp asked what the Forest Hills residents are expecting for the open space. Fineran said he is unaware what they are being told by the realtors.

Fineran summarized that a public input session will be held for Wildflower Park first this spring and later in the year for the Forest Hills open space.

4. Adjournment

UPDATES:

Fineran updated that coordination efforts have been under way for the Sunset Ridge project.

The 2021 Mill & Overlay will include the trail segments for the Sunset Ridge project.

Fineran said there will be a Highway 25 project open house on March 4.

Fineran said the ice rink is being heavily used this year even though the ice making has been a challenge with the nicer weather. Unfortunately, there has been some vandalism at the hockey rink.

CLEMENS MOVED, GALLAGHER SECONDED A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:33PM. ALL PRESENT VOTED AYE, MOTION CARRIED.