



Watertown Park Commission Meeting

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

6/15/2022 - 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, June 15, 2022 in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

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

Staff members present: City Administrator Jake Foster.

Absent: Brian Lonquist.

2. New Business

2.A. April 20, 2022 - Park Commission Minutes

SKOOG MOVED, GALLAGHER SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM APRIL 20, 2022. ALL PRESENT VOTED AYE, MOTION CARRIED.

2.B. Park Naming

City Administrator Foster provided detail on the agenda item relating to park naming. Foster stated that the City receives inquiries on occasion requesting to have the name of an existing City park changed. He added that the City does not have a dedicated park naming policy, and asked if it was something the Park Commission wanted to consider.

Park Commissioners discussed the merits of developing such a policy, but ultimately decided it was not something they wanted to develop and recommend to the City Council. Commissioners felt that the requests are something staff can handle, especially given their infrequency and the existing park bench donation policy.

2.C. Highland Park Master Plan

Foster introduced the agenda item and provided a brief summary of the previous conversations the Park Commission has had relating to the development of the Highland Park Master Plan. Foster also discussed meetings he has had with Highland Park users/stakeholders prior to detailing various amenities that could be included in the Plan.

Commissioners had some general discussion relating to the development of the Master Plan, and the proposed amenities. They request additional information be gathered relating to the cost, impact, and implementation efficiencies of each of the proposed amenities prior to prioritizing and included proposed amenities in the developed document. Foster said he would work with the City Engineer and Public Services Superintendent to obtain additional information and accurate pricing on the various items proposed for discussion at a future meeting.

3. Updates From Staff

City Administrator Foster provided updates on the Riverpointe swimming area, and the City's Adopt-a-Park program. Commissioners also discussed the scheduling of the annual Adopt-a-Park clean-up event for Commission Members.

4. Adjournment

SKOOG MOVED, GALLAGHER SECONDED A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:45 PM. ALL PRESENT VOTED AYE, MOTION CARRIED