



PARK & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD AGENDA

BUCKHAM WEST

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 2022

6:00 PM

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the Minutes - March 30, 2022
3. Presentation - Pickleball Group
4. Director's Report
5. Requests to be Heard
6. Old Business
 - A. Update on Mill Towns Trail/Northern Links Trail
 - B. Lyndale Trail Update
 - C. Arbor Day Event - Meadows Park
 - D. Fleckenstein Bluff Ribbon Cutting - August 20
 - E. Community Center Construction Updates
7. New Business
8. Other
9. Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, May 25, 2022
10. Adjournment

FARIBAULT PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
MINUTES FOR MARCH 30, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lola Brand, Sara Caron, Sally Kramer, Chad Kreager, Mike Ross, Henry Schonebaum and Troy Temple. MEMBERS ABSENT: Mark Fuchs. STAFF PRESENT: Paul Peanasky, Parks and Recreation Director, and Denise Hansen, Administrative Assistant. GUESTS: Donna and Russ Bauer, Faribault Farmers' Market.

- 1) Swearing in of Board Member: Denise Hansen, Administrative Assistant, swore in Chad Kreager as Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Member.
- 2) Meeting was called to order by Chad at 6:02 p.m.
- 3) Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Troy, seconded by Sara to approve minutes of February 23, 2022, as corrected. Motion passed.
- 4) Farmers' Market Presentation: Donna and Russ Bauer reviewed the last couple of years of the Farmers' Market. Vendors were spaced further apart due to Covid-19 restrictions but sales did not go down. A few vendors did not come back but they believe those vendors will be back this year. Rice County Social Services helped Farmers' Market purchase three washing stations through a grant. Paul stated there might be a second group holding a market at Rice County Fairgrounds this summer. Donna and Russ stated they are aware of the group and that market will not be on Saturdays. And that market is more of an artisan group so has different items for sale. Also, the Farmers' Market is local growers only and the artisan group draws vendors from a larger area. Saturday, June 5, will be the first day of the Farmers' Market. The Board thanked Donna and Russ for coming to the meeting and for all they do for the Farmers' Market.
- 5) Director's Report:
 - a) Construction Projects: The roofing replacement project started last week on the Community Center and the library. Three rooftop HVAC units will also be replaced. Also, the basketball hoops will be replaced and the locker room flooring will be resurfaced in April. The gym floor will be resurfaced this summer. The building will remain open but different areas of the building will be closed as needed.
 - b) River Bend Nature Center: Paul stated he and Tim Murray, City Administrator, are meeting with River Bend Nature Center to review and update their agreement with the City. If any significant changes are requested, the agreement will go to City Council for approval.
 - c) Community Garden: Paul met with Dick Houston from the Rotary Club and the Rotary Club would like to use the northwest area of White Sands Park for a community garden. Paul will present the location to City Council for approval. Lola asked if Divine Mercy Catholic Church would possibly donate a plot of land and maybe that could be used in the future for a community garden. Paul stated the City does need to look at the area by Divine Mercy Catholic Church as there is a park planned in that subdivision.
- 6) Requests to be Heard: None.

7) Old Business:

- a) Mill Towns Trail/Northern Links Trail Update: Brian Daniels asked Marv Trandum to present to the Minnesota House of Representatives to request funding. There is not a Senate Bill yet as they are waiting for it to come from the House and John Jasinski has indicated he will sign to support it.
- b) Lyndale Trail Update: The City does not have a contract yet with the DNR as we are waiting for approval from one of their departments. Paul will resubmit and they will issue a conditional contract so we can begin the bidding process for the project.
- c) Prairie Park Layout: Paul reviewed the latest plan or layout for Prairie Park. Board discussed the large grass field and Paul stated the field will be leveled and then pitched for a large playing field. Board also discussed no restrooms and Paul stated portable restrooms would be rented for the park. Board liked the park layout plan as long as the City can use the ballfields at the middle school.

9) New Business:

- a) Playground Upgrade at Waupacuta Park: Board reviewed two plans for a new playground at Waupacuta Park and the amenities on each including handicap accessible features. Board agreed they like the amenities in option two rather than the climbing nets in option one. They also like the parent/child swing and handicap accessible swing. Board discussed making the playground look more like nature with items such as rocks and trees or natural habitat looking amenities. Mike indicated Oxbow Park by Byron has some of these type of amenities. Paul stated the new playground will be in the same location as the current playground. The ground will be wood chips with rubber walkways connecting from the trail to the accessible equipment. Another suggestion was to install diggers in the playground area for smaller children.
- b) Fitness in Motion Request to Use Central Park: Fitness in Motion requested the use of Central Park to hold free group exercise classes on Saturday mornings in May. Motion was made by Troy, seconded by Henry to allow Fitness in Motion the use of Central Park on Saturday mornings in May with all park rental fees waived. Motion passed.
- c) Tree Board Update: Paul reported the Tree Board met March 28 and trees will be planted on April 30. GROWS donated \$1,000 to help purchase trees for the City.

10) Other:

- a) E-bikes on Trails: Mike asked if e-bikes are allowed on city trails. Paul stated the City is waiting for legislation to come out regarding e-bikes on trails as e-bikes are recognized as motor vehicles. Board discussed bringing the item to City Council to discuss or possibly establish a city ordinance.

12) Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 27, at Buckham West.

13) Motion was made by Sally, seconded by Mike to adjourn at 7:02 p.m. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Hansen, Administrative Assistant