



AGENDA
CHASKA PARKS AND RECREATION
ONE CITY HALL PLAZA, CHASKA CITY HALL
Monday, January 14, 2019
7:00 PM

- 1 Call To Order
- 2 Roll Call
- 3 Adopt Agenda
- 4 Visitor Presentation
- 5 Approve Previous Meeting Minutes
 - 5A Approve December 10th, 2018 meeting minutes
- 6 New Business
 - 6A 2019 Commissioners
 - 6B Department Staffing
- 7 Other Business
 - 7A Lions Park Off Leash Dog Area (OLDA)
 - 7B Mountain Bike Trail Update
 - 7C Chaska Curling Center Named National Training Center
 - 7D Collaboration with Community Education
- 8 Reports
 - 8A Staff Reports
 - 8Ai Department Happenings

9 Next Meeting

10 Adjourn

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.

Last Month's Activities:

Chaska Community Center:

- The Lodge hosted a number of holiday celebrations throughout the month including our traditional Lodge Holiday Party and the Fabulous Sweater Spud Bar.
- On December 4, member, Tommy Jorgenson, celebrated her 104th birthday. Many of her friendships developed from her years of participation in our SilverSneakers program.
- New Winter/Spring 2019 Program Guide available. Both Member and Non-member registration began in early December.

Chaska Curling & Event Center:

- Learn to curls and corporate events.
- W1 leagues conclude

Community Events:

Parks:

Art Gallery:

Barbara Cobb is a mixed media artist working with fibrous materials, such as handmade paper, wool, and fabric. Her works have appeared at numerous showings throughout the Chanhassen and Chaska area, and notably include "Carrefour, Haiti," which received the People's Choice Award at the 2013 Arts Consortium of Carver County Members' Show and "Some Kind of Crazy," which appeared at both the 2015 Minnesota State Fair Fine Arts Show and at A Common Thread, the Textile Center of Minnesota Members' show. Her "Birch Triptych" and "Sunday on the North Shore" are now part of the permanent collection at Metropolitan State University, where she completed her B.A. in Integrated Studies Focusing on the Arts (theater, graphic and fine) in 2006. Barbara is employed full-time as a graphic designer at Banner Engineering in Plymouth, MN and currently serves on the board of directors for the Arts Consortium of Carver County (ACCC).

Other:

MAINTENANCE:

The Maintenance dept is looking ahead to do some repairs/upgrades/improvements to the Theater lighting system. The original system is in need of some professional repair and upgrades. This should happen in Jan or Feb. We are working with the programmers to get the batting cage open and available.

Ice season is continuing, but the end is near for the ice in Rink 2 as the turf will be installed the last week of February. Glad the winter has so far been relatively mild, heating systems not working so hard.

Seems like we are not alone, but usually short of staff and looking to hire good part time folks.

We worked through a few staff health related days off. All on the mend and doing well.

We do have a wonderful team of full time and part time staff!

Next Month's Highlights:

Chaska Community Center:

- The Lodge is kicking off the New Year with double the art painting classes, developing a new relationship with RSVP, and hosting a variety of education and information topics in January including travel, volunteerism, goal setting, and driver's safety.
- Live on the WILD side! Grandparents and Me hosted on Sunday, January 27 at CCC to include magic show, crafts and snacks.
- NEW Adult Dodgeball League- begins January 15th- 5 teams
- Winter Sessions begin- Preschool Sports- Basketball, Gymnastics, Youth Floor Hockey
- Adult Volleyball Leagues begin- 26 teams (games take place at CMSW)
- Pickleball: January events: Ladder League, Clinics & TriCity Tournament (partnership with Victoria and Chanhasen)
- Adaptive Adventures- Winter Session begins Jan. 26th

Chaska Curling & Event Center:

- Big Spiel (Jan 10-13) 96 teams, Chaska, Frogtown, St. Paul, and Four Seasons host
- W2 leagues begin (100% full- 240 teams)
- Heavy learn to curl and corporate curling groups
- Chaska named National Training Center for USA Curling (agreement through July 30th, at which time both parties will review and discuss a longer-term partnership.)

Community Events:

- The Big Chill Friday, January 18th 6:00-7:30pm at Firemen's Park. Join us at Firemen's Park for an evening of winter fun. Ice skate on the Clayhole (weather permitting) to KidsDance DJ and participate in fun winter ice activities including glow in the dark bowling, candy scavenger hunt and more. Enjoy free s'mores over the bonfire and hot chocolate. Bring your skates (no skate rental available) and come out for some Minnesota fun!

Parks:

Art Gallery:

Transfer of Memory display-various programming throughout the month of February.

Other: