

Chaska Park Board
Meeting Minutes
April 8th, 2019

1. Call to Order

The April meeting of the Chaska Park Board was called to order by Chairman Roan at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

2. Roll Call

Present: Roan, Downs, Ives, Olsen, Branch, Flaherty-Wilcox, Mihajlov, Kim, Udermann, Wynveen

Absent: Ruiz Gutierrez, Wittrock

Staff Present: Marshall Grange, Mary Monteith

3. Adopt the Agenda

Motion by Mihajlov, second by Flaherty-Wilcox, to approve the April 8th, 2019 meeting agenda. Motion carried.

4. Visitor Presentation

Paul May was in attendance, however, he declined to come to the podium, he said he was there to simply observe.

5. Approve Meeting Minutes

Motion by Downs, second by Branch, to approve the Chaska Park Board meeting minutes of March 11th, 2019. Motion carried.

6. New Business

Firemen's Park II-Grange brought the Commissioners up to date on recent happenings specific to the park land being listed "For Sale" by District 112. The City has filed a "first right of refusal" on the property in order to be notified if an offer is made on the land. Grange mentioned lining a meeting up with St. John's Lutheran Church leaders to discuss the opportunity of partnering on a neighborhood park project.

Mr. May did share some of his knowledge on history of this park during this discussion. The Park Board thanked Mr. May for that and attending tonight's meeting.

7. Other Business

7A. Mountain Bike Trail Update

Grange mentioned that the project will be before the county and city council next week, then on to MnDOT. We are looking to get approval on the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Carver Trails. Once that is done, the build out of the trails could start.

Wayfinding Update

Grange shared with the commissioners the new interactive trail map that Kevin Wright, Chaska's Communication Manager created. Once you pull up the program, and then share your location it will show you various trails and amenities you are closest to. This is just one of the many pieces to be addressed as part of identifying the wayfinding plan. Once the community trails assessment is done by the Bike Alliance of MN, we will also be able to put a plan together to better address those needs in order to submit the application for the Bike Friendly Community designation.

May 17th is also Bike to Work Day, so Grange is looking to promote that day in partnership with Carver County to challenge others to participate.

- 7B. Received Council Meeting Minutes from February 25th, March 4th, and March 18, 2019.
Received Planning Commission meeting minutes from February 13th, 2019.

8. Staff Reports

- 8A. Department Happenings-Grange shared various happenings in Parks and Recreation.

Due to the anticipated flood levels, the decision was made by our Public Works department to do a controlled flood of Athletic Park. This way there won't be a massive amount of water coming into the stadium all at once. Grange thanked the staff at public works for all their efforts over the winter and leading into spring.

Lions Park OLDA-Trails in the larger area are expected to be completed by early May. There are delays on the shelter building with door install and flooring, as the contractor got hurt and is currently recovering.

Monteith shared information on Christmas in May, which is coming up on May 4th. Five homes have been chosen for assistance. Volunteers are needed to help get houses completed on the one day. Come to Guardian Angels gymnasium for a continental breakfast, sign up to work a home, get a t-shirt and help to make a difference in someone's life!

The Brickyard Clayhole, on the east side of Highway 41, will be worked on this spring. The retaining wall and trail has had significant erosion.

Due to the major deep freeze this winter, the ball fields will not be opening any time soon. The park shelters are set up to open April 23, however that will also be weather dependent.

The Chaska Community Center (CCC) Spring/Summer brochure was mailed out Mar. 11th to all Eastern Carver County households. It also is on-line on the CCC website and available for pick up at the CCC front desk.

The Perks Sales Promotion has ended. 104 members earned their perks. The most popular Perk? The six guest passes as well as the personal training sessions.

The daycare numbers continue to increase, they have exceeded Jan-Mar. 2018 numbers by 200!

Curling Center-League play offs are in progress. The USCA U18 National Championships were held Mar. 13-17th. These young teams with their families, came to Chaska for 5 days! Chaska's boys team gained valuable experience in game play and sportsmanship. The winning boys' team was from St. Paul Curling Club and the girls' team was from Boston. Spring league registration is now open as well. The curling center staff are to be commended for all their efforts with this National championship event.

The Event Center has 15 events booked in May four are weddings.

The annual Garden Tea Party at the CCC is April 13th.

The 5-5-5 walk/run will begin April 9th.

The new Athletics Supervisor, Zac Johnson, will be starting with us, May 6th.

The Chaska High School Capstone program will be showing their artwork during the month of April in the Community Center gallery.

Round Table:

- Mihajlov-Her kids participated in the Prairie Fire Theater group, was great!
- Olsen-Tuesday April 16th, there will be a Community Conversation on Equity in our schools at Clover Ridge school. The Chaska Bash will be held at the Event Center, May 3rd.
- Ives-Appreciate all the information from staff tonight on projects.
- Flaherty-Wilcox-Good work on the park naming and Firemen's Park II.
- Kim-Excited about the progress on the mountain bike trail. Thanked Paul May for attending tonight's meeting.
- Wynveen-Barth- Good work on the park naming discussion.
- Udermann-Last month we had concerned citizens come forward on Firemen's Park II, this month we've had updates for them. A good example of how government can work.
- Roan-Agreed with other commissioners on a good work session and progress of some of these projects.

9. Next Meeting-Joint work session with the Planning Commission on May 8th at 5:45 pm in Council Chambers

10. Adjourn Motion to adjourn the April Park Board meeting by Olsen, second by Downs. Motion Carried.