

Chaska Park Board
Meeting Minutes
July 8th, 2019

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1. Call to Order

The July 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, Mihajlov, Wittrock, Olsen, Branch, Kim, Udermann, Barth

Absent: Gutierrez, Ives, Downs

Staff Present: Marshall Grange, Mary Monteith

3. Adopt the Agenda

Motion by Udermann, second by Wittrock, to adopt the July 8th, 2019 meeting agenda. Motion carried.

4. Visitor Presentation

Heather Gruetzmacher
2229 Van Sloun Rd Chaska

Gruetzmacher was present to talk about the Lion's Park Off Lease Dog Area (OLDA). Gruetzmacher spoke of an incident at the dog park where two large dogs came at her little dog upon entrance to the dog park. She expressed concern of large dogs being allowed in the front area for fear of attacking little dogs. Discussion was had on rules, etiquette and signage directing large dog owners to the upper wooded area. Grange mentioned with only 25% of the pet owner population responding to initial surveys, we moved forward with keeping both areas open to all dog sizes and to give dog owners a couple different experiences at the park. We also knew the first year would be trial and error, so will see how things continue to go.

Staff was directed to look into additional signage for the park, as well as marketing pieces to promote the wooded area being open. Also, will request Chaska PD CSO's to cruise through periodically.

5. Approve Meeting Minutes

Motion by Wittrock, second by Mihajlov, to approve the Chaska Park Board meeting minutes of June 10th, 2019. Motion carried.

6. Old Business

6A. Mountain Bike Trail Update

Grange stated that the Limited Use Permit is still under review by MnDOT. There also are some safety concerns by MnDOT specific to the trail closest to 212 as far as the distraction of the visibility of

bikers. Planting shrubs/bushes along that area could help to block biker visual. Grange is meeting in a couple weeks with MnDOT and Carver Trails; things continue to move forward.

6B. Bicycle Friendly Community Update

Grange has reached out to various community stakeholders for representation on the recently created Transportation Committee, as part of the recommendation from Bicycle Alliance of MN. This committee will help move forward with addressing some of the tasks necessary for consideration of this designation. Grange has gotten great response. Representatives from Carver County, District 112, the Downtown Business Alliance, SW Metro Chamber as well as other city departments have responded. The first meeting will be in September.

At the August 5th City Council meeting there will be a work session prior on the presentation of the Chaska Bicycle Friendly Report by Dorian Grilley from Bicycle Alliance of MN. Committee members will be there as well as any interested park board members. Grange asked if two board members would be interested in committee representation. Roan and Udermann expressed interest. The first committee meeting will be mid-September.

7. Receive Council and Planning Meeting Minutes

7A. Received Council Meeting Minutes from May 20th

7B. Received Council Meeting Minutes from June 3rd

7C. Received Planning Commission meeting minutes from May 8th

8. Staff Reports

8A. Department Happenings-Grange shared the many various happenings and programming going on with the Parks and Recreation department. The upcoming Fire & Ice Bonspiel Community event is the weekend of July 19-21. Staff are very busy with the planning and details of that event.

Round Table:

- Barth-Shared an update on the Par 30 and Learning Links. The Chaska Herald last week featured an article on it with information from the recent community open house. For more information on the progress go to: learninglinksmn.org website.
- Kim-Excited about the Bike Friendly committee that is coming together and things moving forward with MnDOT on the mountain bike trail.
- Branch-Attended “Kids Night at the Clayhole” an Inclusive Community Event, impressed with how many were there, was a “hopping” event. A proud night for Chaska!
- Olsen-Mentioned how well the KPMG Women’s LPGA event went. It was an awesome opportunity for youth. Olsen also mentioned his son is currently in the Friday night baseball program and is having a blast.
- Mihajlov-Asked if The Lodge did any kind of educational awareness with seniors on current scams happening. Monteith stated that a partnership with Chaska PD provides a monthly meeting with Officer Janke “Coffee with a Cop” on topics such as this.
- Udermann-Barth represented well at the KPMG Pro-Am golf tournament with the longest drive. Many locals trained for the Grandma’s Marathon on city trails. Chaska Cubs hosted Jenna Paschke Memorial Night at Athletic Park, a great turnout for a great cause. Great job to John Kellin, Chaska Town Course, lots of golfers in town this week, a

very busy week for him and his staff. Big announcement this week from Chaska PD, Chief Scott Knight is retiring. He has protected our community well for many years.

- Roan-Congrats to the City of Chaska for hosting another great golf event. He attended practice rounds and was very impressed with the great golf he saw and impressed by the way things were run so smoothly.

10. Other Business

10A. Next meeting Aug. 12th

11. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the July Park Board meeting by Udermann, second by Branch. Motion Carried.