

**PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Friday, July 13, 2018**

Members present: Dave Barsness, Dorothy Dybvig, Eric Sturtz, Tony Vavricka, Mary Franklin; Council Liaison Tim Franklin

Members absent: Karry White, David Chasson

Staff Present: Administrator Kathy George

Guests: None

Call to Order

Chair Barsness called the meeting to order at 8:06 a.m.

Agenda

Motion Dybvig, second Sturtz, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed 5-0.

Minutes

Motion Franklin, second Dybvig, to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2018 meeting as presented. Motion passed 5-0.

New Business

- A. Special Event Permit – MN Climbers Association – The City received a Special Event Permit Application from the MN Climbers Association. They plan to hold their annual Sandstone Climbers Fest on Saturday, September 15th. They estimate 150-200 attendees. As in previous years, they would like to have permission for climbers to camp in the park on Friday and Saturday nights. They also request the City provide 2 port-a-potties. They plan on showing a film and perhaps having a live band on Saturday night.

Motion Vavricka, second Dybvig, to recommend the City Council approve the Special Event Permit for the MN Climbers Association with the following conditions:

- **Fires are only allowed in fire pits, as follows:**
 - **1 existing fire ring across from the bathroom by the picnic pavilion**
 - **3 existing fire rings in the camping areas**
- **Cutting of trees for firewood is not allowed;**
- **Designate an area for vehicle parking, with signage;**
- **Portage only to camp sites – no vehicles;**
- **The Sheriff's Department should be made aware of the event.**
- **The City will provide 2 port-a-potties.**

Motion passed 5-0.

- B. Softball Field – Name / Signage – Commissioners discussed adopting a name for the Softball Field located on Eagle Drive. **Motion Dybvig, second Sturtz, to name the**

Softball Field “Eagle Field”. Motion passed 5-0. Lee Dybvig will be asked if he is interested in making a sign for the field.

- C. National Night Out – August 7th – Administrator George reviewed the history of the event, which started in 2014 through the Thriving Communities Initiative. She stated that the event now falls under the Park & Rec Commission and has a budget of \$1,000. George asked Commissioners for help in planning and organizing the event. Commissioners Franklin and Sturtz agreed to help. It is thought that Commissioner White will also be willing to help.

Continuing Business

- A. Legacy Grant Application – Joe Czapiewski, Greater MN Parks & Trails Commission, came for a tour of Robinson Park on June 19th. This went really well and Czapiewski was impressed with Robinson Park and also thought that we are on the right track with our planned Legacy Grant Application. Candace Amberg (WSB) will be working on submitting our application next week. The City also received a letter from the GMRPTC stating that the revised Master Plan scored 402.5 out of a possible 500 points. This was an increase over the 2014 score of 393.8.
- B. Arts in the Park – Events were held on Tuesdays in June. Commissioners reviewed a summary of the events which showed a total expense of \$1,492.75 and a total of 455 attendees. A Thank-You note was received from Ron & Jinny Pierce.

Todd Eckart was scheduled to perform on June 26th. He did not show up. Numerous attempts were made to contact him. Eventually, he realized that he forgot all about it. Rob McGown was able to fill in. Eckart apologized profusely and offered to perform another time at no charge. He is not available August 7th (National Night Out), nor during Quarry Days. Commissioners discussed holding an Oktoberfest event on October 6th when the Kettle River Watershed Mural will be revealed. Council Liaison Franklin stated that the Lions Club has been talking about hosting a fall event. He will check with them and see if they are interested.

- C. Kettle River Watershed Mural Project – The City Council approved contributing \$3,750 for the required cash match. The Community Paint portion of the project will take place August 3-5.
- D. Angle Park – The following ad ran in the 7/5 and 7/12 editions of the Courier:



**City of Sandstone
Park & Recreation Commission
PUBLIC FORUM
Wednesday, July 18, 7:00 p.m.
Sandstone City Hall 119 – 4th Street**

The public is invited to join in conversation with the City's Park & Rec Commission regarding the future of Angle Park, which is the home of the skatepark, hockey rink and warming house building. The Commission is discussing options such as, possibly relocating the skatepark and adding a new basketball court at a new location, possibly dismantling the hockey rink, and possibly moving the warming house building to Train Park and using it as a concessions building.

YOUR INPUT IS NEEDED

If you cannot attend the public forum, please share your thoughts with City Administrator Kathy George, 320-245-5241 or administrator@sandstonemn.com.

Thank you.

- E. Gin Pole – Quotes will be obtained in the Spring – Dan Lang has been contacted for a quote.
- F. Stage at Robinson Park – We will continue to work with Mike Johnson on the possibilities.
- G. Group Camping – Now that a couple of groups have used the newly-designated Group Camping area, Commissioners stated that black dirt and grass should be added. They would also like to open up Group Camping in the area that is currently posted “No Camping”. It would also be helpful to have “Group Camping” signs made. Next year, a fee should be established for group camping.
- H. Train Park Kiosk – Work continues for designs of the following:
 - a. City Parks
 - b. Robinson Park
 - c. Directory of Businesses in town
 - d. Directory of non-profits and service organizations in town
 - e. Quarry Days
 - f. History of Sandstone

Information is being gathered and provided to Craig Saari so that he can design each panel.

- A. Robinson Park Camping Registrations – There were 6 registrations for 7 nights of camping in June, which seems low. It was suggested perhaps the new Sheriff's Deputy should be asked to check on the camp sites and make sure people are registered.

Other

An Inspection form for Robinson Park was turned in.

Adjournment

Motion Dybvig, second Vavricka to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy George, City Administrator