

APPROVED MINUTES
WYOMING PARK ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF WYOMING, MINNESOTA
NOVEMBER 12, 2024
7:00PM

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Spangler called the Regular Meeting of the Wyoming Park Advisory Commission for November 12, 2024 to order at 7:02PM

CALL OF ROLL:

*On a Call of the Roll the following members of the Wyoming Park Advisory Commission were present:
Members Bruce Spangler, Jessica Bergan, Bruce Vukelich, and Dawn Dunn.*

Absent:

Also Present: Brett Ohnstad - Council Liaison, Steve Reeves - Public Works Superintendent, and Grant MacFarlane - Assistant City Administrator

Visitors:

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM:

Chair Spangler determined a Quorum was present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

OPEN FORUM:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- 1. Consider approving the minutes of the “Regular Meeting” of the Wyoming Park Advisory Commission for October 7, 2024**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CHAIR SPANGLER, SECONDED BY MEMBER BERGAN, TO APPROVE THE PARK ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 7, 2024 MEETING.

Voting Aye: Spangler, Bergan, Vukelich, and Dunn

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

- 2. Fireside Park Planning**

Assistant City Administrator MacFarlane discussed the outcome of the MNWI Play grant for Fireside Park. Mr. MacFarlane informed the Commissioners that City still had the option to request quotes for a Fireside Park project from playground manufacturers. Mr. MacFarlane provided a presentation highlighting various aspects of park planning to consider prior to requesting quotes.

The Park Advisory Commissioners discussed the target age range for Fireside Park. The Commissioners considered what the need of the area may be and what was currently in the area. The

Commissioners further reviewed the size of the potential project and the different types of playgrounds that are possible. The Commissioners highlighted the need for additional parking in the future at the park to accommodate families that drive to the park.

The Commissioners discussed elements of any potential park project that they believed were most important. Member Vukelich and Member Bergan mentioned that importance of a swing set at every playground. Chair Spangler and Member Dunn described slides, ladders, and tubes as staples of traditional playgrounds. Member Bergan stated that it would be nice to have some sensory play items included, such as music producing equipment.

The members of the Park Advisory Commission expressed the importance of getting input from the public on the project to better understand what they would be looking for in a new park. The Commissioners agreed that a mailer should be distributed to nearby homes to gather feedback.

COMMUNICATIONS:

3. Preparing for EAB Grant Update

Assistant City Administrator MacFarlane informed the Park Advisory Commissioners that ten diseased and dead ash trees had been removed from public spaces and that ten new trees had been planted in their place. Mr. MacFarlane added that this was the final phase of a three-year Minnesota DNR grant.

4. Little Library Scout Project Update – Troop 57731

Assistant City Administrator MacFarlane stated that the little library had been installed by the members of Troop 57731 at Ashton Park. Mr. MacFarlane shared that this was the third little library to be installed through the City's Scout Project program.

5. Park Steward Updates

Vukelich – Parks are looking good and still being used by residents when he visits them

Bergan – Their parks are in good condition. Asked if a toddler swing would be returning to Swenson Park.

Spangler – Parks are in good shape. Inquired about when all port-a-potty would be removed from the parks.

Dunn – Their parks look good. Pointed out that one ball field at Blue Spruce was overgrown and mossy. Public Works Superintendent Reeves stated that the Public Works department would look into it and thanked the Commissioner for pointing it out.

ADJOURN

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MEMBER BERGAN, SECONDED BY MEMBER DUNN, TO ADJOURN THE NOVEMBER 12, 2024 MEETING OF THE WYOMING PARK ADVISORY COMMISSION AT 8:09PM

Voting Aye: Spangler, Bergan, Vukelich, and Dunn

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

***NEXT MEETING:
DECEMBER 2, 2024
7:00PM***