

APPROVED MINUTES
WYOMING PARK ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF WYOMING, MINNESOTA
MARCH 3, 2025
7:00PM

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Spangler called the Regular Meeting of the Wyoming Park Advisory Commission for March 3, 2025 to order at 7:00PM

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 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 February 3, 2025**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MEMBER BERGAN, SECONDED BY MEMBER VUKELICH, TO APPROVE THE PARK ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 3, 2025 MEETING.

Voting Aye: Spangler, Bergan, Dunn, and Vukelich

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 2. Public Works Staff Update**

Assistant City Administrator MacFarlane stated that the Public Works Department would be expanding to include a 7th public works maintenance worker. Added that the position would be advertised for that week and that the additional staff would help with all public works related activities, including park maintenance.

- 3. Spring Medallion Hunt 2025**

Assistant City Administrator informed the Commissioners that the Spring Medallion Hunt was commencing on Monday, March 3rd and would run concurrently with Forest Lake Area Schools' Spring Break. Splitrocks is the event's sponsor.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

4. 2025 Goals Review

Assistant City Administrator MacFarlane provided the list of goals that the Park Advisory Commissioners had set for 2025 in their last meeting. The Commissioners agreed that the list looked good.

5. Arbor Day 2025

Assistant City Administrator MacFarlane stated that the City is a Tree City USA member and that one of the requirements for maintaining that status was to approve an annual Arbor Day proclamation. Mr. MacFarlane added that the City would be doing a tree planting event on Saturday, April 26th from 11:00am – 1:00pm with more details to come later.

6. Fireside Park Project

Assistant City Administrator MacFarlane provided an overview on the process that led to the Park Advisory Commission reviewing proposals for the Fireside Park Project. The Commissioner's reviewed all proposals submitted by the playground contractors.

Chair Spangler recommended that the Commissioners identify if there are any proposals that they do not need to discuss further. The Commissioners discussed ideal shade, equipment height, slide design, and more.

Commissioner Vukelich stated that the St. Croix Recreation proposal was an amazing offer at a great price while also including concrete borders. Highlighted that equipment was included for all ages.

Commissioner Bergan added that the St. Croix Recreation proposal fit all of their listed criteria and that it was also a local Minnesota company.

The Commissioners got consensus on moving forward with St. Croix Recreation's project proposal.

Chair Spangler asked about the Commissioner's thoughts on adding an ADA compliant swing. The Commissioners agreed that this was a good idea.

Commissioner Dunn stated that the equipment was discounted by \$109,000 and that it was a deal that would be difficult to pass up.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MEMBER BERGAN, SECONDED BY MEMBER DUNN, TO RECOMMEND THE ST. CROIX RECREATION FIRESIDE PARK PROPOSAL, WITH THE ADDITION OF AN ADA SWING, TO THE CITY OF WYOMING CITY COUNCIL.

Voting Aye: Spangler, Bergan, Dunn, and Vukelich

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

Commission Dunn inquired about the removal of the existing equipment and the potential to donate it to a local facility. Mr. MacFarlane stated that the removal was being carried out by a company that refurbishes the equipment and sells it to other organizations. MacFarlane added the work would be done for free.

Park Steward Updates

Vukelich – Stated that their parks looked good.

Bergan – No updates.

Spangler – Stated that Goodview looked good and that he was excited for Fireside to be updated.

Dunn – Noted that the bolts on Banta Park’s playground borders were coming up. The parks looked good.

ADJOURN

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MEMBER VUKELICH, SECONDED BY MEMBER BERGAN, TO ADJOURN THE MARCH 3, 2025 MEETING OF THE WYOMING PARK ADVISORY COMMISSION AT 7:45PM

Voting Aye: Spangler, Bergan, Dunn, and Vukelich

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

NEXT MEETING:
APRIL 7, 2025
7:00PM