

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

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Spangler called the Regular Meeting of the Wyoming Park Advisory Commission for April 7, 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 March 3, 2025**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CHAIR SPANGLER, SECONDED BY MEMBER DUNN, TO APPROVE THE PARK ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 3, 2025 MEETING.

Voting Aye: Spangler, Bergan, Dunn, and Vukelich

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

COMMUNICATIONS:

2. **Arbor Day Event 2025**

Assistant City Administrator MacFarlane informed the Park Advisory Commissioners that the City would be hosting its Arbor Day Event at Comfort Lake Park on Saturday, April 26th from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm. He invited the members of the PAC and stated that a few local Scout troops would also be attending.

3. **Tree City USA and Growth Award 2025**

Assistant City Administrator MacFarlane stated that the City was named a Tree City USA once again in 2025, which marked its 5th year as such. Added that the City was also awarded with a 2025 Growth Award from the Arbor Day Foundation. The award recognizes Tree City USA communities that demonstrate higher levels of tree care and community engagement.

4. Fireside Park Update

Assistant City Administrator MacFarlane provided an update to the PAC on the Fireside Park project. The PAC discussed the design of the park, anticipated timeline for construction, and the removal of the existing park equipment.

5. Spring Medallion Hunt 2025

Assistant City Administrator MacFarlane stated that the Spring Medallion Hunt was held from March 3rd to March 7th and that it was found on the final day by resident Emily Raddatz. The members of the PAC discussed the clues and congratulated Emily on finding the medallion.

NEW BUSINESS:

6. Carlos Avery Development Discussion

Assistant City Administrator MacFarlane informed the Council that a developer was looking at the Carlos Avery land with the intent of developing 43 acres of housing. Stated that the Joint Park Planning Board would be meeting later in the month to determine parkland requirements, but that the PAC had the opportunity to discuss it at this meeting to get group consensus.

The members of the PAC reviewed the report and recommendations from Candace Amberg of WSB.

Chair Spangler highlighted the acreage recommended for the park dedication and inquired about the size of Railroad Park for comparison. Assistant Administrator MacFarlane stated that Railroad Park was roughly half an acre in size. Chair Spangler stated that 2 acres would be enough to fit a nice sized park in the development.

Member Vukelich referred to the City's previous recommendation for 2 acres of dedicated land with additional cash-in-lieu for the remaining 1.5 acres. Asked if the PAC would prefer that the full 3.5 acres be dedicated without any cash-in-lieu.

The Commissioners asked why there was not currently any dedicated parkland on the sketch plan. Assistant Administrator MacFarlane stated that the developer did not include any parkland in the current sketch but had proposed adding a trail system in the adjacent parcel for this purpose.

The Commissioners had a consensus that the developer should be required to provide at least 2 acres within the development to serve as dedicated parkland.

Park Steward Updates

Vukelich – Centennial Park's monuments should be looked at due to damaged bricks. The parks looked good.

Bergan – Ashton Park and Tolzmann Park looked good. The basketball court lines at Lion's Park needed to be touched up.

Spangler – Parks look good, noted excitement for Fireside to start.

Dunn – Lil Verges Park had some fallen branches. The parks look good.

ADJOURN

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MEMBER BERGAN, SECONDED BY MEMBER DUNN, TO ADJOURN THE APRIL 7, 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:

MAY 5, 2025

7:00PM