

APPROVED MINUTES
WYOMING PARK ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF WYOMING, MINNESOTA
NOVEMBER 1, 2021
7:00PM

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Spangler called the Regular Meeting of the Wyoming Park Advisory Commission for November 1, 2021 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 Barb Williams, Bruce Spangler, Heather Vandenheuvel, Jessica Bergan, and Claire Luger, Council Liaison

Absent: None

Also Present: Robb Linwood, City Administrator and Chuck Almhjeld, Public Works Superintendent

Visitors: None

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM:

Chair Spangler determined a Quorum was present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

OPEN FORUM:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MEMBER WILLIAMS, SECONDED BY MEMBER BERGAN, TO APPROVE THE PARK ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 4, 2021 MEETING.

Voting Aye: Spangler, Williams, Vandenheuvel, and Bergan

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

OPEN FORUM:

NEW BUSINESS:

2. To Consider Recommending the Appointment of Lindsay Hobson to the Park Advisory Commission

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MEMBER SPANGLER, SECONDED BY MEMBER WILLIAMS, TO RECOMMEND THE CITY COUNCIL APPOINT LINDSAY HOBSON TO SERVE ON THE PARK ADVISORY COMMISSION.

Voting Aye: Spangler, Williams, Vandenheuvel, and Bergan

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

3. Tree Inventory Update

City Administrator Linwood gave a brief overview of the memo included in the packet that outlines the tree inventory and how it will be used as a planning tool.

Public Works Superintendent Almhjeld stated that there are 6,679 trees in the right-of-way in the parks that are City owned with most being oak and ash. He explained the 5 steps in the Tree USA City program and gave a brief overview of some of the activities that the Tree Committee will be undertaking next year using this inventory information.

Commissioner Vandenheuvel asked if there was good information included in the inventory that could be incorporated into an Arbor Day celebration as an educational piece.

City Administrator Linwood stated that he did not think the City had ever had anything very extensive for Arbor Day but feels there will be many opportunities through Tree City USA.

Chair Spangler asked what percentage of the City's trees are currently ash trees.

Public Works Superintendent Almhjeld stated that he has the exact number but did not bring that information with him this evening, but thinks there were about 3,000 ash trees.

City Administrator Linwood showed examples of how much information can be found in the GIS system and thinks it will be a very useful tool for Public Works and the PAC.

Commissioner Vandenheuvel stated that she would like to know what the City's oldest tree is and somehow incorporate that information into Arbor Day.

OLD BUSINESS:

COMMUNICATIONS:

4. Park and Trail Master Plan Social Pinpoint

City Administrator Linwood stated that they are hoping that this app will be ready to go within the next few weeks. He gave an overview of how the Social Pinpoint app works and ways it will be helpful to the City. He stated that they are hoping to let the PAC see the app before it is officially launched.

Commissioner Williams asked if there was a way to find past surveys that the City has conducted to see how much the City, as a whole, has participated in surveys.

City Administrator Linwood stated that the last one related to Parks related to the Comprehensive Plan did not have substantial participation with only about 100 people that responded.

The PAC discussed various methods of connecting with residents to encourage participation regardless of their age.

5. Park Project and Maintenance Update

Public Works Superintendent Almhjeld gave an overview of the park projects and maintenance issues. He noted that he gets a lot of calls about the desire for pickleball to be available in the City. He explained some of the differences between tennis nets and pickleball nets. He stated that the City, prior to him being here, purchased 2 pickleball nets but they have never been used. He stated that he would suggest that the City could have 2 pickleball courts on the hockey rink so it can serve a dual purpose.

Chair Spangler confirmed that using the hockey rink for pickleball would not harm to surface of the rink.

The PAC discussed the differences between tennis and pickleball needs.

Public Works Superintendent Almhjeld gave an overview of what Swenson Park and noted that the blacktop for the hockey rink has been completed, however the boards are still stuck on a barge and are hopefully only 3-4 weeks out. He stated that they are hoping to find someone to touch up the painting inside the warming house and then they can paint the rest of the interior.

City Administrator Linwood noted that the Tree Lighting event will take place the first Saturday in December from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MEMBER SPANGLER, SECONDED BY MEMBER VANDENHEUVAL, TO ADJOURN THE NOVEMBER 1, 2021 MEETING OF THE WYOMING, PARK ADVISORY COMMISSION AT 7:30 PM

Voting Aye: Spangler, Williams, Vandenheuvel, and Bergan

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

NEXT MEETING:
DECEMBER 6, 2021
7:00PM