

APPROVED MINUTES
WYOMING PARK ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF WYOMING, MINNESOTA
MARCH 6, 2023
7:00PM

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Spangler called the Regular Meeting of the Wyoming Park Advisory Commission for March 6, 2023 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, Bruce Vukelich, Jessica Bergan, Heather Vandenheuvel and Rick Ahartz

Absent: None

Also Present: Alex Saxe- Assistant City Administrator and Brett Ohnstad- Council Liaison

Visitors: None

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM:

Chair Spangler determined a Quorum was present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OPEN FORUM: NONE

CONSENT AGENDA: NONE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Consider approving the minutes of the “Regular Meeting” of the Wyoming Park Advisory Commission for February 6, 2023

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MEMBER VANDENHEUVEL, SECONDED BY MEMBER VUKELICH, TO APPROVE THE PARK ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 6, 2023 MEETING, AS SUBMITTED.

Voting Aye: Spangler, Vukelich, Bergan, Vandenheuvel, and Ahartz

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

2. Arbor Day 2023

Assistant City Administrator Saxe explained that the city is a member of Tree City USA and to maintain that status the city needs to issue an Arbor Day Proclamation and hold an Arbor Day event every year. He explained that there will be a tree planting on Saturday, April 29th, 2023 at Centennial Park from 10am-12pm.

The PAC proclaimed Friday, April 28th 2023 as Arbor Day in Wyoming, Minnesota.

3. Fireside Park Planning Discussion

Assistant City Administrator Saxe stated that as part of the Goals for the PAC and the Master Park and Trail Plan, Fireside Park needs some updating. He presented some info that was included in the Master Park and Trail Plan of suggested amenities for the park and then opened it up for discussion.

Member Vukelich asked what does the needs assessment mean by liability issues.

Assistant City Administrator Saxe stated it is talking about ADA compliance. The City does have liability insurance in place for park equipment.

Chair Spangler asked about the property itself. He stated the whole west side is the County line, there would not be able to be new access points created on that side. He would like to know if there is a requirement on how long we have to keep the bee and butterfly garden and then figure out what other uses could be created in that area.

The PAC had discussion about the actual park being a small chunk of the 12 acre lot. The back half of the parcel is the bee and butterfly garden. There were some discussion about making the playground area bigger and adding more parking.

Assistant City Administrator Saxe pitched the idea of a boardwalk through that wetland area whether it stays a bee and butterfly garden or not. The PAC liked that idea and would like to staff to explore the feasibility of a boardwalk.

Member Vukelich asked if the park could be done in phases.

Assistant City Administrator Saxe stated it could be done in phases, once the PAC knows how they would like to redevelop the park.

Member Vandenheuvel said she would like to see some more free standing spinners and musical instruments for playground equipment. She asked if old equipment is still in good condition like the swing set structure, can we leave that and just replace the swings. Staff will look to see if that is a possibility.

Assistant City Administrator Saxe summed up the discussion that the PAC would like to see a new playground- placement and equipment to be determined, increased parking, either a boardwalk through the wetland or a new amenity such as pickleball.

Staff will take the ideas the PAC generated and work to compile a more formal document with these ideas for a potential Fireside Park Redevelopment.

COMMUNICATIONS:

4. Park Steward Updates

Chair Spangler Did not have any updates.

Member Bergan Did not have any updates.

Member Vandenheuvel Did not have any updates.

Member Ahartz Did not have any updates.

Member Vukelich Did not have any updates.

Assistant City Administrator Saxe noted that KSTP did a story the other week covering the Veteran's Memorial project.

ADJOURN

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MEMBER BERGAN, SECONDED BY MEMBER VANDENHEUVEL, TO ADJOURN THE MARCH 6, 2023 MEETING OF THE WYOMING, PARK ADVISORY COMMISSION AT 7:32 PM

Voting Aye: Spangler, Vukelich, Bergan, Vandenheuvel, and Ahartz

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: None

NEXT MEETING:
APRIL 3, 2023
7:00PM