

**CITY OF MAYER
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
APRIL 13, 2021 @ 6:30 P.M.
CITY HALL**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m.

Those present were Park Commissioners, Mike Wegner, Chad Heldt, Melissa Gomes, Eric Vogel and Ryan Kusske. Margaret McCallum, City Administrator. Kyle Kuntz, Public Works Lead.

Absent: None.

Also present: Joe Dvorak, Mayer Lions.

McCallum introduced Ryan Kusske to the Park Commission. She stated that she recommended his appointment to the City Council at the April 12, 2021 meeting. Council approved the appointment.

Kusske introduced himself to the Park Commission.

2. Approve Agenda

Heldt asked about the future of the Archery Range.

McCallum stated that it is still listed as a priority for the Park Commission, however there has been difficulty determining a good location. She informed that one potential location was the compost site area, however that location would require significant upgrades including bituminous parking.

Vogel moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Gomes seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

3. Minutes

March 9, 2021 Park and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

Heldt moved to approve the Park and Recreation Commission Minutes from the March 9, 2021 Meeting. Gomes seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

4. Business

A. Lions Club – Joe Dvorak

Joe Dvorak, the president of the Mayer Lions Club, informed the Park Commission of the intention of the Mayer Lion's Club to establish a partnership with the Mayer Park Commission. He stated that the Club's mission is to raise money to help with City projects; including park projects.

Dvorak stated that the Lion's Club would like the Park Commission to consider changing the Old School House Park name to Lion's Park. He informed that the Lion's Club would be able to donate \$2,000 per year towards Old School House Park starting in 2022.

He explained that the Lion's Club could partner on grants as well and do extra fundraisers if needed.

Wegner asked what goals the Lion's Club had for Old School House Park.

Dvorak said that based on previous discussions, that Lion's would want to first focus on the needs of the park and then the wants. He said that at this time, their goals align with the Park Commission's goals.

McCallum said she would have to look at the name change requirements and the potential agreement between the City of Mayer and the Lion's Club for that park.

Kuntz asked if the Lion's Club would consider not changing the name of the park, but be listed as the "Sponsor" of the park.

Dvorak agreed that that could be a possibility.

B. Park Signs

McCallum presented three park sign concepts with estimates for Park Commission consideration ranging between a budget of \$10,250.00 - \$12,490.99.

Kuntz informed that the current wood signs are outdated as far the information on them. He also stated that the West Ridge Park is not up right now because it is rotting and that Bluejay Park does not have a sign at this time.

He highlighted the three concepts informing that they are maintenance free metal signs with the Park's names on them. He suggested having a scan code or a link to the City's website on the sign for additional park information.

The Park Commission discussed the concepts and what the liked and disliked. The Park Commission agreed to have staff price out a sign that:

1. Had an arch on top with the Mayer Logo popping out on top.
2. Black and Yellow colors with a grey background.
3. Black Single Post.
4. 5-feet wide.
5. Flat letters.
6. Option of a scan code or website link.

The Park Commission agreed that the scan code could be added at a later date.

Heldt asked if the Park Commission should wait for the Old School House Park sign until there is determination on the Lion's Club request for a name change or if the "sponsored" by Lions Park could be added to the sign later.

Staff said that would quote out all of the signs for now and bring back more procedural information on the name change at the next meeting.

C. Splash Pad and Shelter Discussion

McCallum presented new information to the Commission on the concept of a Splash Pad and Shelter at Old School House park that would be created and financed through a bond.

She informed that she contacted a company, Flagship Recreation, to draft up some concept plans with pricing for the Commission to consider. She said that the splash pad would be a Recirculation System to allow for water preservation. She presented two concepts by Flagship Recreation that would be at \$250,000.00. She let the Park Commission know that she requested some changes to the concepts including a larger "dump bucket" item and an inclusive item.

The Commission discussed the concepts.

Gomes suggested a different company that has been working with many other communities in Minnesota on splashpads.

The Committee agreed to look into the other company to get a concept comparison.

D. Mayer Rising Community Festival - Update

McCallum provided an update to the Park Commission on the desire to participate in the Mayer Rising Community Festival. At the March Park Commission meeting, the Commission suggested sponsoring a kids DJ for a few hours.

McCallum said that she reached out to the Mayer Rising Community Festival committee and they stated that they already have a DJ for the day.

The Commission discussed other participation ideas.

The Commission talked about doing something related to water because of the upcoming splashpad concept.

The Commission agreed to look into water events such as a water balloon launcher, dunk tank, etc.

D. Trail Clean Up Date (Added)

The Committee agreed to reschedule the spring clean up event for the Dakota Trail at 5:00 p.m. before the next Park Commission meeting scheduled on May 11, 2021.

5. Staff Updates

Basketball Court – Discovery Park -

McCallum stated that public works department is coordinating with contractors for this project to be done at the end of May.

Basketball Hoops – Bluejay Park

Kuntz stated that the public works department will be replacing the basketball hoops at Bluejay Park in May.

Nets

Kuntz said that all parks nets are up for use.

2021 Street Project –

McCallum provided an update on the 2021 street project and that it would include the parking on 3rd Street in front of Bluejay Park.

6. Commissioner Reports

None.

7. Adjournment

Heldt moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m. Gomes Seconded. Motion passed 5-0.