

**CITY OF MAYER
REGULAR MEETING – PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2017 @ 6:30 P.M.
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Those present were Park Commissioners, Alisa Johnson, Troy Congdon, and Elizabeth Butterfield. Also present was City Administrator, Margaret McCallum.

Absent: Mike Wegner.

Also present: Dan Pohl.

2. Approve Agenda

Congdon added “Plans for Park at Coldwater Crossing”.

Butterfield moved to adopt the agenda as amended. Congdon seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

3. Minutes

A. November 14, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Butterfield moved to approve the November 14, 2017 meeting minutes. Congdon seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

4. Business

A. Park Commission Interview

McCallum introduced resident Dan Pohl to the Park Commission.

Pohl informed that he has been a resident of the City of Mayer for about seven (7) years. He said that he has worked in park maintenance for 8 (eight) years and in law enforcement.

Butterfield asked if there would be any conflict of interest because he works for Carver County Parks Department.

Pohl informed that he asked his employer of a potential conflict of interest and stated that they did not have any concerns.

Johnson asked if he had any ideas for the City of Mayer.

Pohl stated that he grew up in the area and has worked in the area for years as well. He said that he believes he has some good ideas for the City of Mayer in that he sees a lot of what other local communities have done. He informed that he would like to see a splash pad/water park. He also said that he would like to see more County events on the community trail.

Butterfield asked if he had experience in budgeting.

Pohl said that he has experience in budgeting from when he was in law enforcement.

Congdon asked if Pohl would be able to commit to the once-a-month meetings on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

Pohl responded that he would be able to.

Butterfield asked the biggest reason that he applied for the commission position.

Pohl explained that he works in the parks and would like to see change and help plan for the future of the community.

Johnson moved recommend to Council the appointment of Dan Pohl to the Parks Commission. Congdon seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

B. Charges for Softball Field

McCallum said that she did a comparison of charges for facilities in other Carver County communities. She said that it really depended on the community and the user of the facilities.

Butterfield said that she was not comfortable charging residents or schools for the use of facilities. She said that if a league approached the city, that a contract could be created with possible fees included.

McCallum said that she would be talking with the Community Education program for the Watertown-Mayer system next week about bringing more programs to the community.

Congdon said that he would like to see more brought here.

C. Plans for a Park in Cold Water Crossing (Added)

Congdon said that he has spoken with some residents in the Coldwater Crossing neighborhood and they have been asking if that development would be getting a park with the next phase of development.

McCallum said that she would do some additional research on the topic and reach out to the developer to gather more information on a possible park.

5. Staff Reports/Comments

McCallum informed that she met with the Mayer Lutheran Athletic Director and that he thought it would be helpful if the city added a couple of soccer fields during the soccer season months.

She informed that the Council approved the Park Commission's Park and Recreation budget that included money for the public works department to grade space at Old Schoolhouse Park for an ice rink in 2018.

McCallum reminded the Commission of their movie event at the Community Center on Sunday, December 17, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.

6. Commissioner Reports/Comments

None.

7. Adjournment

Congdon moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 p.m. Butterfield seconded. Motion passed 3-0.