

FARIBAULT PARK AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING
MINUTES FOR JANUARY 24, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lola Brand, Sally Kramer, Nicholas Liverseed, Chris O'Neil, Elsie Slinger and Cheryl Sterling. MEMBERS ABSENT: Chad Kreager and Bruce Krinke. STAFF PRESENT: Director Paul Peanasky and Administrative Assistant Denise Hansen. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Kay Duchene and John Rowan. GUESTS: Pam Charlton and Trudy Kirk, BMX Representatives.

- 1) Meeting was called to order by Cheryl at 6:03 p.m.
- 2) Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Sally, seconded by Elsie to approve minutes of October 25, 2017. Motion passed.
- 3) BMX Annual Presentation: Pam Charlton and Trudy Kirk, BMX Representatives, reviewed their 2017 year-end meeting and financial reports. Their large expenditure in 2017 was purchasing and installing a safety (barrel) start gate. In Spring 2018, they plan to expand the asphalt area and ramp due to the change in the gate size. They are getting bids for the asphalt and for construction of a shelter over the new gate so it doesn't sit out in the elements. There was no vandalism reported this year but there were some break-ins to ride the track when it was closed. Motion lights were installed on the new concession building and they plan to install new "No Trespassing" signs in the Spring. The 2018 State Race weekend will be July 5-8. They are planning a free race day on June 21 as well as a 20th anniversary celebration of the BMX track in Faribault. Parks and Recreation will again get the track tac and request bids for portable toilets for the 2018 season. BMX reported they are doing well financially and will continue to send updates to Paul. Board thanked them for coming and for doing a great job.
- 4) Director's Report:
 - a) DNR Request: CROCT is submitting a request to the DNR to check for dwarf trout lilies in Teepee Tonka Park prior to constructing the off-road trail.
 - b) City Banners: City Council will review the new City of Faribault banner designs at the February 5th meeting. The proposal is to purchase the banners this summer. Community Development will be writing a grant to help fund the cost of the banners. Total cost for the banners is approximately \$34,000 with the Parks Department paying the balance not covered by the grant.
 - c) Mill Towns Trail Meeting: Royal Ross is the chair and Paul is the staff liaison for 2018 for the Mill Towns Trail Board. Construction of the bridge area between Highway 21 and White Sands will begin this summer. They are working on purchasing the section from Dundas to Faribault. DNR requested a discussion with city staff regarding the location of the trail entrance into the City of Faribault.
 - d) Board of Directors MRPA: Paul was elected to a two-year term as a representative on the Minnesota Recreation and Parks Association Board.
 - e) North Alexander Park Message Boards: Rice County decided they could not afford their twenty percent share of the cost of purchasing two message boards to be installed by Rice County Fairgrounds and North Alexander Park. Todd Sesker, Superintendent of Schools, is contacting the Rice County Administrator to discuss.
 - f) Election of Officers: Election of officers will be held at the February Park and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting.

- g) Student Board Representative: Nicholas submitted his resignation as student representative on the Parks & Recreation Board. Board members thanked Nicholas for his time on the Board and wished him well.
- 5) Request to be Heard: None.
- 6) Old Business:
- a) Senior Center Expansion Update: The building frame is currently being erected and the contractor is planning to erect the roof joists next week. They may or may not work through to summer depending when the frost is out of the ground.
 - b) Old Public Works Site: Straight Eight is no longer involved in discussions with the City regarding development of the old public works site and their agreement has been dissolved. Council approved moving forward with MPCA testing the area.
 - c) Parks Master Plan: Perkins & Will was offered an agreement to conduct the city's Downtown Plan, Comprehensive Plan and Parks Master Plan. Paul asked Lola to be on the Steering Committee for the Parks Master Plan.
- 7) New Business:
- a) By-Laws: City Council has requested the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board update their By-Laws to include a requirement for members to re-apply for positions when their term expires. City Council would like to advertise yearly for applicants for all committee and board vacancies. There was also discussion regarding City Council members serving on both City Council and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. By-Laws were last updated in April 2016 so Board Members will review entire document and discuss at next meeting.
- 8) Other:
- a) Sledding Hill: Kevin Hildebrandt, School District Director of Building and Grounds, and Paul are currently looking for an additional sledding hill in the City. Board discussed the area by Roosevelt Elementary and the City Water Tower but that land is privately owned and would have to be purchased. Elsie suggested looking at Spring Park.
 - b) Super Saturday Event: In conjunction with the Super Bowl being held in Minnesota this year, Parks and Recreation is holding an event called Super Saturday on Saturday, January 27, from 1-4pm at Jefferson Park. Activities include ice skating, ice hockey, punt-pass-kick, giant connect four game, snow shoeing, bonfires, s'mores and hot cocoa.
- 9) Next Meeting:
- d) Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 28, 2018.
- 10) Motion was made by Elsie, seconded by Chad to adjourn at 7:34 p.m. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Hansen, Administrative Assistant