

FARIBAULT PARK AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING
MINUTES FOR MARCH 28, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lola Brand, Chad Kreager, Bruce Krinke, Elsie Slinger and Cheryl Sterling.
MEMBERS ABSENT: Sally Kramer and Chris O'Neil. STAFF PRESENT: Director Paul Peanasky and Administrative Assistant Denise Hansen.

- 1) Meeting was called to order by Bruce at 6:00 p.m.
- 2) Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Chad, seconded by Elsie to approve minutes of February 28, 2018. Motion passed.
- 3) Director's Report:
 - a) Emerald Ash Borer: Paul reported the emerald ash borer has been found in Lakeville and Rochester. The Parks Department has not seen any in Faribault yet but will take down any affected trees as needed. In preparation, the Parks Department has not added any new ash trees in the last ten years.
 - b) Arbor Day: In observance of Arbor Day, GROWS plans to plant evergreen trees by the trail in North Alexander Park. Arbor Day will be celebrated in Faribault on Saturday, May 5, 2018.
 - c) North Alexander Park Shelter #2: City Council approved replacement of North Alexander Park shelter #2. The new shelter will be an open-sided shelter similar to shelter #3.
- 4) Request to be Heard: None.
- 5) Old Business:
 - a) Senior Center Expansion: Mona Kaiser, Senior Center Director, will be at the April meeting to give an update on their expansion.
 - b) Parks Master Plan: One (1) Park and Recreation Board Member will be on the Parks Master Plan Committee.
 - c) 1740 Willow Street: Faribault Fire Department used the burning of the house at 1740 Willow Street on March 24th to conduct training exercises. The next step will be to obtain bids to remove the remaining buildings including the silo and to clean up the site. The Parks Department will also do some clean up at the site. The parcel will be listed as parkland and it will be filed as tax exempt with Rice County. If the City determines a different use for it in the future, land usage can be changed at that time.
 - d) Parks & Recreation Advisory Board By-Laws: Discussion was held on changes to the existing by-laws. This item will be on a future agenda to discuss again.
 - e) Student Board Representative: Nothing new to report.
 - f) Mural on Band Shell – West Wall: Mural Society agreed to provide the mural artwork to the Parks and Recreation Board for review prior to installation.
- 6) New Business:
 - a) Northfield Parks and Recreation Board Joint Meeting: Northfield Parks and Recreation Board would like to have a joint meeting with the Faribault Parks and Recreation Board. Proposed discussion items include the Mill Towns Trail, use of the Straight River and possibly removing the dam by the Faribault Woolen Mills. Paul will follow up with Northfield to set up a meeting possibly in April or May.
 - b) Discussion on Inclusive Playground: Paul stated the City 2040 Vision includes construction of an inclusive playground. In preparation for that, Paul asked for

suggestions of possible committee members to begin the planning of an inclusive playground. Board discussed a variety of people and professions from the community who they believe would be beneficial to include on the committee. Paul reported Owatonna is proposing construction of an inclusive playground and a ball field at a cost of approximately \$750,000.

7) Other:

- a) Basketball Courts: Parks Department is planning to install a couple basketball courts this spring on the old Public Works site at 601 1st Street NE. The courts will be installed on current cement/black top or Public Works will install blacktop as needed. Plans are to also add an additional court elsewhere in the Parks system.
- b) Tennis Court: Lola reported the tennis courts at the State Academies may be opened up this year.
- c) Pickleball Courts: Pickleball courts are striped at the Faribault Middle School tennis courts.

8) Next Meeting:

- a) Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 25, 2018.

9) Motion was made by Lola, seconded by Cheryl to adjourn at 6:53 p.m. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Hansen, Administrative Assistant