

FARIBAULT PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 24, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lola Brand, Sally Kramer, Chad Kreager, Bruce Krinke, Elsie Slinger and Cheryl Sterling. MEMBERS ABSENT: None. STAFF PRESENT: Director Paul Peanasky and Administrative Assistant Denise Hansen.

- 1) Meeting was called to order by Bruce at 6:02 p.m.
- 2) Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Chad, seconded by Sally to approve minutes of August 22, 2018. Motion passed.
- 3) Director's Report: None.
- 4) Requests to be Heard: None.
- 5) Old Business:
 - a) Senior Center Expansion: The exercise room at Buckham West (Senior Center) is scheduled for completion in early to mid December. The parking lot entrance/exit to Division Street is being removed. Customers will use the parking lot access on 1st Avenue and the main access to the Buckham Library and Community Center.
 - b) Parks Master Plan: Paul reviewed the Parks Master Plan survey responses. The survey was sent to all families in the registration program. It asked residents what amenities they thought were needed in city parks.
 - c) 1740 Willow Street: Nothing new to report.
 - d) Parks & Recreation Advisory Board By-Laws: City Council has had a discussion regarding term limits for all City boards. They've discussed having soft limits so members would have an option to reapply after two terms. The Parks & Recreation Board decided to wait for a decision on term limits prior to updating their By-Laws.
 - e) Student Board Representative: Nothing new to report.
 - f) Mural on Band Shell – West Wall: Nothing new to report.
 - g) Inclusive Playground: Nothing new to report.
 - h) Mill Towns Trail: Trail pre-construction meeting was held yesterday, October 23. Plans are to start trail construction from Highway 3 to White Sands Dog Park/Trailhead on Monday, October 29. Paul will let Board know if there is a ribbon cutting ceremony.
 - i) Basketball Courts at North Alexander Park: Asphalt is being poured this week for both basketball courts in North Alexander Park. Posts and hoops will be installed next week and courts will be painted in the spring.

- 6) New Business:
 - a) Storm Damage Update: Parks Department will be cleaning public land of storm debris throughout the winter. They are planting trees around the city this week. Stump removal will continue this winter as well as removing hazardous branches stuck in trees.
 - b) Shelter Donation at Bell Field: Local baseball groups are discussing donating a picnic shelter to be installed on the 1st base baseline area at Bell Field. Paul will report any developments to the Board.
 - c) Bike Repair Stations: The Depot Bar & Grill held a bike ride fundraiser this past summer. They purchased three bike-repair stations from the funds raised and donated them to the city. The Parks Department will be installing the stations around town.

- 7) Other:
 - a) Paul handed out an article written by Dale Gehring of the Northfield Parks & Recreation Board. Dale's article was published in the Northfield newspaper and is requesting support in Northfield to pass a referendum for a new civic center. Dale mentioned the Faribault Parks and Recreation Department as well as our parks system and all of the amenities offered in Faribault.
 - b) Lola discussed connecting neighborhoods by providing neighborhood mobile activities similar to the program held at Jefferson Park in the summer. Board discussed providing activities in neighborhoods for kids.
 - c) Lola discussed the possibility of providing bus shelters for bus stops for kids as they're often standing in the elements for up to 30 minutes waiting for the bus.
 - d) It was reported that the Tommy Allen Tree at Garfield Park is damaged. Paul has contacted the family and a sugar maple tree was planted today in Garfield Park to replace the damaged tree.

- 8) Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 28, 2018.

- 9) Motion was made by Sally, seconded by Elsie to adjourn at 6:49 p.m. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Hansen, Administrative Assistant