

City of Spring Lake Park
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

The minutes of the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting of January 4, 2022.

1. Call to Order - Meeting called to order 6:30 pm by Chairman Hoard

2. Roll Call.

Members present: Harlan, Lammers, Hoard

Members absent: Al-Sarraaj

Council/Staff present: Director Okey, Councilmember Wendling

3. Approval of Minutes. A motion was made by Harlan to approve minutes as submitted. All ayes, motion carried.

4. Discussion from Floor.

5. Commission Member Reports.

Commissioner Lammers reported he skated at Able Park and the ice was decent. The warming house is open Thursday – Sunday only due to years of low attendance.

6. Council Commissioner's Report. Council Member Wendling provided a recap of Council meeting including the approval of the funds for the reconstruction of Able Park Basketball court this spring.

7. Unfinished Business. Director Okey noted that Public Works cut down the tree overhanging Tringle Memorial Park Lake. Okey also noted that there is funding to add native tall plants around the lake to deter geese from entering. If geese can not get to the water then they will not wish to hang around the park and in turn cut down on the goose droppings issue.

Reminder that the Park Master Plan Open House is on Tuesday, January 15, 5:00-7:00pm. Commissioners are encouraged to attend. Then the Plan will go to Council for formal acceptance. Open House was advertised in January water billing.

Commission reconfirmed that removing the arbor at Terrace Park to install new shelter is ok.

8. New Business.

A. Election of Officers. Harlan was elected Chairman and the vice chair position has been put on hold for now.

B. Amending Parks and Recreation Commission Residency Requirements Proposal. Okey proposed expanding commission members to include anyone living in the SLP school district. The commission has consistently had issues with filling seats. SLP Recreation markets to neighboring city, coaches volunteer that live outside the city and SLP shares one park with neighboring city. Wendling had past concerns which were that if someone that does not live in the city will dictate how our money will be spent. Solution recommended by Okey is that the commission will only have two at large seats and five SLP residents' seats, and 1 council liaison. Okey will draft memo for members to review before submitting to City Council for final approval. Commission agreed to this plan of action.

C. Able Park Basketball Court Reconstruction – bid went to Bituminous Roadway who will schedule the work in the spring. Should only take one week to complete. Total construction cost \$37, 650.00. Funds will be taken from existing Park Dedication Fund.

9. Director's Report.

A. Status of ice rinks. Able, Terrace and Sanburnol rinks opened December 30. Continuing to flood each day when not snowing.

B. Program update. Sweet heart Dance – Feb. 11 at HS School Cafeteria

Senior Valentine Lunch -Feb 14 at VFW

Snow Day at Able Park -Jan. 15 1:30-3:30pm

10. Other. none

11. Adjournment at 7:20 pm. Lammers made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Harlan. All ayes.

Next meeting is Tuesday, February 1, 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted by, *Kay Okey*