

City of Spring Lake Park  
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

The minutes of the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting of June 7, 2022

**1. Call to Order - Meeting called to order 6:34 pm by Chair Harlan**

**2. Roll Call.**

Members present: Harlan, Lammers

Members absent: Yawn, Hoard

Council/Staff present: Director Okey, Councilmember Wendling

Council/Staff absent:

**3. Approval of Minutes.** A motion was made by Lammers to approve minutes as submitted. Second by Wendling. All ayes, motion carried.

**4. Discussion from Floor.** Okey reported the City received a new commissioner application from Erik Olson. Application will go to City Council on June 20 for review and approval. If approved new member would start in July.

**5. Commission Member Reports.** No Reports

**6. Council Commissioner's Report.** Councilmember Wendling updated Commissioners on City Council's meeting held on June 6 including street improvement updates and staff hiring's.

**7. Unfinished Business.** Okey reported that SLP Lion's will run a concession stand for the youth softball tournament held at Sanburnol Park July 28-30. Okey sent invitation to all SLP Booster and Sport Clubs, with no other takers.

**Terrace Park picnic shelter:** delivery and installation date pushed back to end of June.

**Triangle Park Improvement and Geese issues:** Okey reported that the city hired Prairie Restoration to do a site analysis. Site analysis cost was \$250.00. Okey shared the plan and estimated cost with the Commissioners. Commissioners reviewed plan and wish to proceed depending on grant availability

**Able Park Basketball Court:** Hoops now installed, painting of court should happen at end of June. Company informed of parade date.

**8. New Business.**

- A. Updated Able Park Drawings: Okey reported that staff are still working on getting final cost and drawings to prepare for City Council review.

Construction costs have come down from original estimates. Okey shared the latest renderings of the park building. Commission approves moving ahead with the remodel estimates and plans.

B. Tower Days -Commissioner's candy purchases completed for parade, staging area # 25

C. Review of Request to rename a park in honor of a longtime volunteer.

Commissioners reviewed the request, the current park naming policy and recent past requests. Commissions voted to abide by the policy that once a park is named it will not be changed unless one of the following criteria is met:

1. Circumstances occur making the name no longer relevant.
2. The park or public space under goes significant transformation or redevelopment.
3. An individual or organization contributes a significant portion of the cost of renovating a park, park facility or public place.

Commissioners suggested that interested parties may purchase a bench with honoree's name on the panels. That could be placed at the park.

## **9. Director's Report.**

**A.** Program Updates – Staff member Wesley Goldberg has coordinated a multi city wide sand volleyball league, which starts Wed. June 8 at Able Park. Cities involved include Fridley and New Brighton. Playground program, new this year, takes registration for all free and paid programs. All programs except Munchkins are full. Registration was required due to the uncertainty of COVID and recent shortages of staff. Recreation Department has 2 staff hired and offered positions to two other individuals.

**B.** Tower Days-Okey reported 32 runners registered for the prep parade run, 54 units in parade, craft and business vendors numbers down by 10. Commission concerned on number of volunteers to assist with carnival games and the length of time advertised. Okey reported seasonal staff and HS football players will be available. Time is the same time that was done in 2018. Staff will review for next year.

**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, June 5 6:30 pm At Lakeside Lions Park.**

Respectfully submitted by, *Kay Okey*