

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
February 22, 2016
Regular Meeting

APPROVED

Members Present: Maureen Bartz, Mike Eliason, Barb Farrell
Members Absent: Lincoln Tilson, Jim Young
Staff Present: Dan Schultz, Director of Parks and Recreation and Sonja Honl, Recording Secretary
Others Present: None

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Eliason called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:** None.
3. **APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 25, 2016 MEETING MINUTES: MOTION** by Bartz to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2016 meeting. **SECOND** by Farrell. Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Motion passed.
4. **AUDIENCE INPUT:** None
5. **DISCUSSION (Response to Audience Input):** None
6. **NEW BUSINESS:** None
7. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - a. **City Council Goals 2016-17** – Schultz included a summary sheet of Council Projects and Initiatives for 2016-17 in this month’s packet and several items will impact the Parks and Recreation Commission. Schultz reviewed each item on the list. A major item is the referendum for an additional ice rink, ball fields at UMore Park, green fields at the Flint Hills Athletic Complex and completion of improvements at Central Park. A dog park for small dogs, partnering with the school district on gym space if a new school is built in Rosemount, implementing a plan for re-use of splash pad water, and developing a plan for a turf field and possible dome at the Flint Hills Athletic Complex were some of the Parks and Recreation items that were also on the list. Schultz has had discussions with the various athletic association representatives and also with ISD 196 personnel to get their input. Plans for the ice rink are still being worked on. The referendum is scheduled for vote on May 17. Schultz mentioned that the City has signed a letter of understanding with the private developer who is interested in building a field house in Rosemount that could include three full-size gyms.
 - b. **Parks and Recreation Facilities Referendum** – The four projects that will be included in the referendum are: an additional ice rink, ball fields at UMore Park, green fields at the Flint Hills Athletic Complex and completion of improvements at Central Park. Schultz reviewed a map of the possible site for the second ice rink at the Rosemount Community Center and explained the challenges of this site. We would lose much needed parking space at the Community Center and the cost to build on this site would be substantial. Doing a survey to gauge residents’ interest as far as the referendum items was discussed. Installing lights at the fields at the Flint Hills Athletic Complex right away before homes are built around it was also discussed. Per Schultz, we could have a bid alternative that would include lighting one of the fields and artificial turf so we could maximize the use of space. This can be discussed further with the City Council. There was discussion about having a refrigerated ice rink at Central Park so we could maximize its use and have a longer season. The Commission thought we should try to appeal to the widest number of

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people and include soccer, lacrosse baseball, softball and hockey users, and that adding a refrigerated outdoor skating oval would appeal to families. Including a track in a dome if one is built was suggested. There is also a need for a facility with a pool for competitive swimmers.

- c. **Director's Report** - The park improvement fund balance as of January 31, 2016 was \$410,597.65.

Public Park in Greystone Development – Staff asked a couple of park design consultants to create two park designs and have them ready for the March Commission meeting. Once the Commission has reviewed them, we will discuss moving into final design. Construction of the park should begin in the fall. The Commission suggested including another zip line as well as a two-person swing.

Upcoming Topics -

- Revisit the project list once we receive more direction from the City Council
- Update the Parks Master Plan
- Review the Bella Vista Park Plan

8. **ADJOURNMENT - MOTION** by Farrell to adjourn the meeting. **SECOND** by Bartz.
Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Sonja Honl, Parks and Recreation Secretary