

**PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION**

**August 22, 2016**

**Regular Meeting**

**APPROVED**

**Members Present:** Maureen Bartz, Mike Eliason, Barb Farrell, Bryan Feldhaus, Dave Speich  
**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 7:02 p.m.
2. **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:** None
3. **APPROVAL OF THE JULY 25, 2016 MEETING MINUTES: MOTION** by Bartz to approve the minutes of the July 25, 2016 meeting. **SECOND** by Speich. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion passed.
4. **AUDIENCE INPUT:** None
5. **DISCUSSION (Response to Audience Input):** None
6. **OLD BUSINESS:**
  - a. **Parks Dedication Requirements** – A developer who is planning to build an apartment complex in Rosemount questioned the way parks dedication is collected and so this item was brought to the Commission for review last month. The Commission asked for more information at that time, so the item is being brought back for further discussion. Schultz contacted the Metropolitan Council regarding current housing information, which is helpful in determining parks dedication, and received the 2015 Annual Population Estimates dated 05/06/2016 from them. This document is included in this month's Commission packet. Schultz reviewed the information in the document. Schultz also answered questions from the Commission regarding the information in the Parks Dedication Requirements chart (this chart lists information on the various methods used by 10 suburbs to collect parks dedication) and the information in the Parks Dedication Requirement Comparison chart (this chart lists the current and proposed method of collection with examples for single family homes, townhomes/condos and apartments). The Commission mentioned that apartment buildings have a denser population with little green space, so they would need parks to meet the needs of their residents and the parks dedication the developer pays should reflect that. After looking at the various ways the parks dedication can be collected and doing some figuring to see how the different methods would change the amount collected, the Commission did not see a reason to change the current method of collection. Schultz suggested that we try to find information on current land values to see what the parks dedication would be with updated values. He will also look back to see what the numbers were from the last land value survey that was done. He will bring all of this information to a future meeting. The Commission said they would not want to change the method of collection until they looked at current. They also felt that the method we currently use is reasonable and fits with the Subd. 2c. Nexus included in the state statute for collecting parks dedication. They did not want to end up losing a lot of park dedication funds by changing the way we collect it. This item was tabled until a future meeting.

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7. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. **Director's Report** - The park improvement fund balance as of July 31, 2016 was \$309,200.60. No dedication fees were received. There were no grants or donations. Interest was \$31.23. There were expenditures of \$18,970 for Ailesbury Park improvements. The contractor is continuing to work on establishing turf at the park.

**Leprechaun Days Events** – The Parks and Recreation Department held a number of events during Leprechaun Days: The Blarney Stone Hunt – 450 kids attended, Wet n Wild Day – 235 kids attended, the Fishing Derby – 120 kids attended, and the Run for the Gold – 286 runners.

**Summer Camps** – We recently completed the last of our summer camps. This summer we expanded the number of week-long camps we offered from the three camps to seven, and attendance increased from 204 participants in 2015, to 328 participants.

8. **ADJOURNMENT - MOTION** by Bartz to adjourn the meeting. **SECOND** by Feldhaus.  
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by  
Sonja Honl, Parks and Recreation Secretary