Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Those present:
- Andy Cison, Chairperson
- Sharon Ornquist, Secretary
- Cindy Domeier
- Micah Bender (arriving at 7:02 p.m.)

Also present:
- Bruce Zenner—Council Liaison
- Tony Flandrich, Public Works Representative

Those absent:
- Charlene Whitbred-Hemmingson
- Chelsie Bowker

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:
Motion by Domeier, second by Ornquist to approve the December 13, 2018 minutes. Motion carried 3-0.

PARKS UPDATE:

Tony Flandrich introduced himself to the Commission and gave a brief work history.

A. Ice Rink and Warming House
   Ice is okay, some boils appearing because of fluctuating temps. Warming house hours are posted based on the one attendant’s availability. Still looking for another attendant. The warming house will close for the season on Presidents’ Day, or sooner depending on weather.

   The Commission wanted to know how the ice could be improved (asphalt, liner, painted surface). Public Works Representative Flandrich shared his experience with each of the surfaces mentioned. The quick answer is cold temperatures, snow and lack of sun.

B. Eagle Scout Project--Hockey Rink Repair
   The Commission shared with Public Works Representative Flandrich about the Eagle Scout Project this year to repair the hockey rink boards. Chairman Cison stated, at a quick glance, it appears three sheets of plywood are needed, a few boards, pressure washer, paint, and possibly recycle mix-base to level surface. Mr. Flandrich suggested that a full assessment be done in the spring.

C. Heritage Park—The St. Paul Park Lions Club has made a donation towards the pavilion roof replacement/repair. Playground equipment will be installed this spring by a third party.
NEW BUSINESS:
   A. Winterfest is set for Sunday, January 20, 2019 from 1-3 p.m.
      • Set up is 11:30 / Noon.
      • If paint is used on the ice, it was recommended that we use it in the corners, because the sun melts the ice faster in those areas.
      • Scavenger Hunt will have a “Final Four” basketball theme. Domeier will write the clues again this year.
      • Micah Bender has donated the gift this year ($25 AMC gift card).
      • There will be a bonfire and marshmallow roast, hot chocolate, cookies, and popcorn.

   B. Bunco
      The first Bunco Night is set for Friday, January 25, 2019 at 7 p.m. at Heritage Park. Commission Members are to solicit prizes from local businesses. Flyers have been posted and distributed to the Legends in Cottage Grove. Proceeds from this event will go towards the repairs of the hockey rink.

   C. Eagle Scout Project—Community Garden & Benches
      The Commission shared with Public Works Representative Flandrich the Eagle Scout Project for the Community Garden will include the construction of two double-raised beds and the repair of the benches at the Little Free Library. The Boy Scouts will be constructing the beds at their Monday meetings and delivering the bed and installing them on May 11.

   D. Sledding Event.
      Sledding event was cancelled due to lack of snow and the icy condition of the hill. The Commission would like to reschedule this event when it snows again.

      Dave Illi, former soccer coach with the St. Paul Park Athletic Association would like to donate some hats, gloves and scarfs for this event.

OPEN DISCUSSION: None

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Important Dates:
   • January 20 (1- 3 p.m.)—Winter Fest
   • January 25 (7 p.m.)—Bunco Night
   • February 22 (7 p.m.)—Bunco Night
   • March 22 (7 p.m.)—Bunco Night
   • May 11—Installation of Garden Bed (Boy Scout Project)
   • May 18—Art & Garden Event

Next meeting—February 14, 2019 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted January 18, 2019 by Commission Secretary Ornquist
Agenda Items:
  - Discuss Carbone’s Fundraising event
  - February—Adopt-a-Park Kickoff