December 12

CITY OF ST. PAUL PARK
ST. PAUL PARK, MINNESOTA

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES—December 12, 2019

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

Those present:
  • Andy Cison, Chairperson
  • Sharon Ormskist
  • Charlene Whitbred-Hemmingson
  • Cindy Domeier
Also present:
  • Bruce Zenner - Council Liaison

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:
  Motion by Domeier, second by Whitbred-Hemmingson approve the
  November 14, 2019 minutes. Motion carried 4-0.

PARKS UPDATE:
Council Liaison Zenner updated the Commission on the following:
  A. Flooding has begun at the Hockey Rink and Axelrod Park.
  B. Warming House will be closed through January 1st. Rink Attendant is on
     vacation until then. Looking for volunteers.

     Commission was disappointed that the warming house wouldn’t be open
     during winter vacation. Commission recommended that a second
     attendant be hired in the future.

     Since the warming house won’t be open, the Commission suggested that picnic
     tables be placed near the hockey rink and near Axelrod Park rink.

AGENDA ITEMS:
  A. Holiday Lights Contest Bus Tour idea—Old National Bank is interested in
     this idea for next year. Item tabled until August 2020.
  B. Set dates for Bunco Night
     ▪ January 17
     ▪ February 21
     ▪ March 20

     Commission Members should begin soliciting prizes from businesses.
  C. Glow in the Dark Sledding Event—December 28
     ▪ Glow sticks have been purchased (approx. $96)
     ▪ Soliciting donation from Schlomaka’s for a portable toilet.
     ▪ Need pallets for bon fire. Do not place wood in parking lot, place
       it in the garden.
     ▪ Using shed for the sale of pizza and water instead of fire bay.
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- Pizza $2/slice, Bottled water $1  
- Need napkins, gloves, cups  
- Seeking donation from SuperMom’s for 200-300 cookies  
- Reach out to Micah and Chelsie for assistance.  
- Set up at 2:30/3:00 p.m.  
  - Need lights, ropes, extension cords, tow ropes  
  - Need to pick up generator and vests from PW

D. Cison Winter Wonderland

Cison Winter Wonderland was held on December 7 with over 100 people in attendance. A huge thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Claus, and those who donated over 100 pounds of food and over $40 in donations for the Friend In Need food shelf.

E. Re-appointments

- Andy Cison has accepted his reappointment to the Commission.

F. Election of Officers. The Commission appointed the following officers:

- Chair—Andy  
- Secretary—Sharon

G. Commission Vacancy—Commission is need of three members. Those interested do not need to be a resident of St. Paul Park. Looking for someone who is interested in managing the social media for the Parks & Recreation Commission.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

A. Budget request—Council Liaison Zenner informed the Commission that this idea was found favorable by the Council, but it is too late to submit a request for this year’s (2020) budget. He suggested that the Commission hold onto this information and present the request in June 2020 for the 2021 Budget year.

B. 5K Fun Run

The Commission needs to begin planning for next year’s fun run. A question was raised if it should continue to be a Heritage Days event or tag team with the Athletic Association Family Fun Day held in May. More discussion to come.

Next meeting – January 9, 2020 at 7 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted December 27, 2019 by Sharon Ornquist
FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- January
  - Discuss 5K Fun Run
  - Bunco Night
  - Winterfest
  - Art & Garden Event (set date)

- February
  - Bunco Night
  - Adopt A Park Kick Off

- March
  - Bunco Night

- June
  - Discuss Budget for 2021

- August
  - Discuss Holiday Lights Contest Bus Tour

IMPORTANT DATES:
December 28  Glow in Dark Sledding Event
January 17   Bunco Night
February 21  Bunco Night
March 20     Bunco Night