

PARK BOARD
Minutes
July 11, 2022

The meeting of the Maple Lake Park Board was called to order at 4:35 p.m. by Bill Korpela Jr in the city hall in the City of Maple Lake.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Wayne Paumen, Geyen, and Korpela Jr,

ABSENT: Fobbe

OTHERS PRESENT: Renee Eckerly, City Administrator, Al Hudek, Public Works Director

Approval of Minutes

A motion was (m/s/p), Paumen/Geyen to approve the minutes from April 11, 2022.

New Business

a. Resignation of Tonya Tufte

Tufte had moved away from the City of Maple Lake. Board would like advertising for a replacement to start immediately.

A motion was (m/s/p), Geyen/Paumen to accept the resignation of Tonya Tufte.

b. Wayne Paumen, City Council will be replacing Bruce Ballweber, City Council

Paumen introduced himself.

c. Discussed Touring Parks

Board reviewed whether members should go on their own or if the Board should go as a group. The existing park list is:

- Lady Bug Garden Park
- Community Park
- Maplewood Park
- Jude Park
- Maple Lake Beach
- Bolduan Park
- Centennial Playground & School District Facilities

Board decided to tour the parks as a group. Eckerly will contact Tana Fobbe to get commitment on August 22, 2022, attendance to insure a quorum. The Board will meet at City Hall at 4:30 p.m.

Old Business

a. Election of Officers – Vice-Chair (replace Tufte)

Board reviewed the need for a Vice Chair and decided at this time no Vice Chair would be appointed.

b. Meeting Schedule – Monthly at 4:30 p.m. (tabled 4-11-22)

Board reviewed and determined the next meeting will be set at the end of each meeting.

c. Repairs at Community Park

Hudek reported that the repairs on the basketball court are finished, but still need to do the seeding around the court. The path to the restrooms and playground is completed and the money was donated by the Maple Lake Lions, except for the seeding. Hudek research the cost of matting and determined wood chips would be the material used around and under the playground equipment. The wood chips are ADA compliant.

d. Status of Repairs to Trail

Hudek reported that two sections of the trail are in poor shape. A cost proposal was given to the City Council but was tabled until the cost for improvements for the trail was in the budget. Hudek suggested to repair the two sections then overlay the rest. Board discussed the materials and quantity of each that was used to create the trail base.

e. Discuss Repairs to Community Park Restrooms

Hudek reported that people that needed to do community service contacted him and he had them paint the restrooms at Community Park and Irish Stadium. A power washed the floors today and the swastika was removed. The carving on the bathroom stall doors has not been removed yet. Public Works will attempt to grind the carvings off. The handrails did not appear to be rusty. The stall framing in both the women's and men's restrooms have been kicked and damaged. The mirrors are stainless steel and Public Works will attempt to clean. The mirrors can't be replaced with glass because they will be vandalized immediately. Restrooms are cleaned every Friday. Hudek will research the cost of installing stainless steel sinks. Drinking fountains need to be replaced. The Board discussed whether the water that comes out of the drinking fountain must be tested. The restrooms are locked at the park automatically at 10:00 p.m.

f. Update Chapter 11 Ordinance Regulating Parks (table until after tour)

g. Review Parks & Trails Plan (original 2005/update 2017) (tabled 4-11-22)

Board discussed that if this is part of the Comprehensive Plan then it should wait for Stantec to be hired. It was questioned whether the current Chapter 11 Ordinance Regulating Parks had been adopted by the City Council. It was mentioned that Sabrina Hille, former City Administrator had done a survey regarding Parks. It was discussed to get public input as to what the people would like to see at the Parks. Bring back after the Comprehensive Plan update schedule has been established. Paved trails are reviewed every 7 years, but Public Works inspects them annually.

h. Happy Knoll Plat Park

Eckerly report that the property was sold to the abutting property owner. A long discussion was held whether to continue to research or to concentration on locating other land for a park in this area. It was mentioned what the dollar amount will be from Chris Paumen's' developments.

i. ADA Swing

Geyen requested that the ADA swing at Community Park either be replaced or an additional swing be purchased. This item was tabled.

j. Discuss Park Improvement Ideas

- Skateboard Park – discussed whether to replace or not. Hudek will speak with the shop class at the high school and see if the city pays all the costs if they would make it a project for the class. The students could make suggestions for amenities for the skateboard park. It was suggested to replace the skateboard area with something low maintenance.
- Ice skating rink – discussed if the Saddle Club would host the ice rink. Rink is flooded by the Fire Department. The Saddle Club board would have to be approached on the subject. The lights are very expensive to have on. There was a discussion whether the city and Saddle Club could come to a joint venture to upgrade the lights for the ice rink to be on the property. The light poles would have to be replaced also. Bolduan Park is not easily seen in the winter.
- Movies in the Park – discussion was brief

Dates to Remember / Announcements – Next Meeting will be August 22, 2022, at 4:30 p.m.

Adjournment

A motion was m/s/p, Geyen/Paumen to adjourn at 5:50 p.m.

Attest,

Renee Eckerly
City Administrator