

PARK BOARD
Minutes
Special August 22, 2022

The meeting of the Maple Lake Park Board was called to order at 4:40 p.m. by Bill Korpela Jr at Community Park in Maple Lake.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Wayne Paumen, John Haack, Kristin Helwig, Tana Fobbe and Bill Korpela Jr
ABSENT: none
OTHERS PRESENT: Renee Eckerly, City Administrator, Al Hudek, Public Works Director

Approval of Minutes

A motion was (m/s/p), Paumen/Fobbe to approve the minutes from July 11, 2022. All members present voted in favor.

New Business

a. Introduce new members Kristin Helwig and John Haack

Helwig and Haack gave a summary of their interests in the parks in Maple Lake.

Old Business

a. Discuss Cedar Landings Park Dedication Fee

Board discussed whether there was any option for land instead of money and the lack of parks on northwest side of the city. There was a short discussion regarding a parcel of park land that the developer sold that research would need to be done to find out what happened.

A motion was (m/s/p), Haack/Paumen to recommend to the City Council to accept the money in lieu of land from the developer of Cedar Landings Park. All members present voted in favor.

b. Touring Parks

Board visited each park and reviewed amenities and discussed ideas for improvements.
The existing parks are:

- Lady Bug Garden Park – is a small pocket park downtown on Birch Avenue; has picnic table
- Community Park – Hudek reported on flooding the concrete pad of the skateboard area for an ice rink and a cost of \$7,700 for adding power poles for lights and outlet receptacles. Water will be used from the hydrant on the corner to flood, warming house was discussed, a portable biff will be rented.

A motion was (m/s/p), Helwig/Paumen to recommend to the City Council to accept the quote on installation of light poles for skating rink at Community Park. All members present voted in favor.

Determined that restrooms would not be under direction of the Park Board. Hudek approached the Industrial Arts department at the school regarding creating new items for skateboard park, city would pay for materials. Lions club has expressed interest in the past of constructing a kitchen area at this park. There was a brief discussion on recreational trail connections. Splash pad was briefly discussed. Movie-In-Park movie screen should be setup on concrete so people can sit in the grass. There will be better options with the new lights and power poles. Hudek will bring quote for lumber to construct rink next meeting. ADA swing is adequate currently.

Korpela Jr left 5:26 p.m.

- Maplewood Park – has asphalt court for basketball. Park not used much. Discussed creating pickleball court but keep some basketball area. Adding swing set or playground equipment, and picnic tables.

Fobbe left at 6:00 p.m.

- 6th Street Park – has playground equipment, needs some benches or picnic tables. Small area that most kids use for games involving running such as kickball or wiffleball
- Maple Lake Beach – didn't visit
- Bolduan Park – ballfields for adult and children leagues. Building only open when leagues are in session. Restrooms were recently remodeled. Not a good place for a dog park or archery. School has classes on archery and not as much interest but trap shooting is popular. Has playground equipment. Isolated area, watch for vandalism.
- Centennial Playground & School District Facilities – Fobbe reported school is researching changing tennis court area into pickleball courts the cost is \$50,000 - \$70,000.

Board discussed trees at every park, no changes were recommended.

Dates to Remember / Announcements – Next Meeting will be September 19, 2022, at 4:30 p.m.

Adjournment

A motion was m/s/p, Helwig/Paumen to adjourn at 6:32 p.m.

Attest,

Renee Eckerly
City Administrator