

CITY OF APPLE VALLEY
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
September 3, 2015

Minutes of the September 3, 2015, Apple Valley Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee.

PRESENT: Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Chair Lee Strom; Committee Secretary Patrick Sullivan; Committee Members, Noel Hammill, Boyd Montgomery, Jessica Montgomery, and Brenton Schulz, Parks and Recreation Director Barry Bernstein; Recreation Superintendent Scott Breuer; Arena Manager Brian Christianson; Department Assistant Dorene Perkins Monn; and WSB Representatives Jason Amberg and Senior Landscape Architect Jeff Feulner.

ABSENT: Kanika Gupta

ITEM 1. Committee Chair Strom called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ITEM 2. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: by Sullivan, seconded by Hammill to approve the agenda as presented

VOTE: Yes – 6, No – 0

Audience – 10 Minutes Total Time Limit – For Items Not on the Agenda

No one present to speak.

ITEM 4. Approval of the July 2015, Minutes.

MOTION: by Hammill, seconded by Sullivan, to approve the May 7, 2015, meeting minutes as presented.

VOTE: Yes – 6, No – 0

ITEM 5.A. Agenda Items – Introduction of New Committee Member – Jessica Montgomery

Director Bernstein introduced and the Committee welcomed new member J. Montgomery.

ITEM 5.B. Agenda Items – Resignation of Youth Representative – Kanika Gupta

Committee accepted the resignation of member Gupta and recommended City Council fill the vacancy with another community member-at-large. Resolution No. 2010-39; Establishing the Purpose, Duties, and Membership Terms of the Apple Valley Parks and Recreation Advisory

Committee states, “Committee Members: The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee shall consist of seven members, all of whom are to be appointed by the City Council.”

MOTION: by Hammill, seconded by B. Montgomery, to open a seventh spot on the Committee for a community member, regardless of age, to replace the youth committee member.

DISCUSSION: Suggestion was made to post the vacancy notice at the Apple Valley Senior Center and Apple Valley high schools, as well as media legal postings.

VOTE: Yes – 6, No – 0

ITEM 5.C. Agenda Items – Kelley Park Discussion

Director Bernstein introduced representatives Jason Amberg and Jeff Feulner from WSB Engineering, a landscape architecture and park planning service. Staff is recommending City Council establish an agreement with WSB Engineering for the design of Kelley Park’s additional 2.49 acre property parcels acquired in 2013. Mr. Amberg and Mr. Feulner outlined who they are, their experience, the proposed Kelley Park project process, and a potential schedule.

Committee comments included the need to take into consideration the area demographics and the anticipated population surrounding the park, the fact that it’s designated a “community” park and the attributes of such.

The potential design schedule includes a public open house in October 2015. The Committee was encouraged to provide a list of desired items for the park.

ITEM 5.B. Agenda Items – Division Updates

Recreation Superintendent Breuer gave a review of summer events: Friday Concerts and Theatre Shakespeare in the Park at Kelley Park were well attended, Freedom Days included 400+ runners at the Fun Run, approx. 100 teams participated in the summer adult softball leagues, Apple Valley Family Aquatic Center closed for the season August 28, Redwood Pool remains open through September 6, and Apple Valley Community Center’s 4,000 sq. ft. new floor surface has been completed.

Director Bernstein issued a “hats off” to the Recreation programming staff for a job well done. He noted the adult softball leagues are up by seven teams. In comparison, Burnsville and Eagan are down. He congratulated staff for not only maintaining the number of teams but increasing them. Preschool programs, puppet shows, and playground programs reported great attendance.

Arena Manager Brian Christianson recapped Hayes Park Arena’s second season of summer ice. He reported a good turnout by Apple Valley and Eastview programs, high school camps,

youth association camps, Burnsville figure skating club, Heritage Figure Skating from Lakeville, and Farmington's figure skating club. Another successful summer season of Learn-to-Skate program. High school programs are starting soon.

Tennis courts will be removed from the Sports Arena early October, then approximately two weeks later, ice will be ready. It takes about two weeks for transition.

New concession stand venture taking place at both arenas. Hayes Park Arena will use the concession area in the building and a concession trailer has been purchased for use at the Sports Arena.

Learn-to-Skate program is scheduled to begin October 25. Public Open Skating will be held at the Sports Arena on Sundays 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Thursdays at Hayes Park Arena from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. through the winter. Learn-to-Skate Open House September 15.

Director Bernstein asserted staff is actively seeking means of maximizing the uses of the buildings, maximizing ice sales, capitalizing on concession sales, and Hayes Park Arena advertising.

ITEM 6. Adjourn

There being no further business, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting was adjourned.

MOTION: by Sullivan, seconded by Hammill, to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

VOTE: Yes – 6, No – 0

Respectfully Submitted,

Dorene Perkins Monn
Dorene Perkins Monn, Dept. Assistant

Approved by the Apple Valley Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee November 5, 2015.