

# **Parks Committee Minutes**

17 December 2024

8:30am

5920 Tahoe Dr. SE

## **ARTICLE 1. Call to Order**

Members in attendance: Chair Mike Reese, Ryan Bruneau, Supervisor Grace Lesperance, and Matt Douglas

Members absent: Ken Kaiser, Eileen Boekestein, Bill Otten

Others present: Dan Zwick, Sydney Aubert, Nick Govan, Jeanine Heibel, Molly Webb, and John Frizzo

## **ARTICLE 2. Approval of Agenda**

The approval of Agenda was motioned by Supervisor Lesperance and seconded by Chair Reese.

## **ARTICLE 3. Public Comment (5 minutes/individual)**

No public comments were given.

## **ARTICLE 4. Approval of August 17, 2024 Minutes and November 19, 2024 meeting.**

Chair Reese noted a correction needed to Member Ottens Attendance to be changed from “absent” to “present” to reflect his attendance correctly.

Supervisor Lesperance motions to approve the Minutes from the August 17, 2024 Minutes with edits mentioned, Chair Reese seconded the approval.

Member Bruneau noted a change to Article 6. last paragraph, to provide clarity it should read “The committee engaged in discussion regarding pickleball court expansion. Consideration was given to field utilization data, maintenance requirements, and seasonal programming possibilities. Lighting considerations for

various facilities were discussed in relation to neighborhood impact and extended usage hours”.

Member Bruneau motioned to approve the Minutes from November 19, 2024 with his edits. Supervisor Lesperance seconded the approval.

#### **ARTICLE 5. Update from Parks & Facilities Director Zwick**

Director Zwick stated that the plans for Rec Park will be reevaluated and reviewed for any changes. The discussion of costs for the plans will be at the January board meeting. Zwick is working on making sure things are running smoothly within the parks department and learning the depths of the day-to-day work. Sydney Aubert talked about the Stonehouse event she hosted on December 14<sup>th</sup> where she hosted Santa, a raffle, and had guests write Christmas letters to the local retirement community. Zwick talked about current and upcoming snow events for the Township he stated in some cases unfortunately paths will be the last priority and the first locations of service will be the Fire Stations, and the main office. Mike asked Zwick about the renewal of the conservation program the township is involved in and asked if it is going to be renewed and Zwick said we will continue with the program. Zwick stated the trenching for the oak wilt at Burton Park will not be done in house and is already about 75% done. Member Bruneau asked Zwick if he knew when the bridge on Cascade Road would be completed, Zwick believes that it should be finished up around Memorial Day.

#### **ARTICLE 6. Old Business**

The Rec Master Plan is going under further review in January.

#### **ARTICLE 7. New Business**

John Frizzo of The Grand Rapids pickleball Club did a presentation explaining how their club runs and how they can help by giving their advice on our future pickleball projects.

#### **ARTICLE 8. Other Business**

No other business was discussed.

#### **ARTICLE 9. Adjournment**

At 9:44am the meeting was adjourned by Chair Reese, Supervisor Lesperance seconded the adjournment.