

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2017
COMMUNITY AUDITORIUM CONFERENCE ROOM
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1) **ROLL CALL:**

- a) Commissioners –Brad Bafaro, Ralph Brown, Mackenzie Johnston Carey, Howard Sullivan, Susan Taylor, Jeremiah Toews and Paul Waterstreet. Absent: Kenneth Cobleigh and Glenn VanBlarcom. (Please note that Paul was the first person in the room.)
- b) Council Liaison – Malynda Wenzl.
- c) Staff – Tom Gamble and Matt Baum.

2) **CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS:** None

3) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes of the July 19, 2017 meeting were approved.

4) **ADDITION/DELETIONS:** None

5) **OLD BUSINESS:**

a) **S.D.C. Update**

- i) At the Monday night City Council meeting representatives from Stonebridge and the Home Builders Association spoke and requested that the new S.D.C. rate be phased in so it wouldn't cause a hardship to new home owners.
- ii) The Council voted to phase the new rates in over the next three years, \$4000 to \$5000 then \$6500. This will mean about a \$600,000 difference in revenue for the City based on projected building permits.
- iii) Recommend to the Council that the amount be indexed every year, so we don't fall behind.

b) **Rogers Park**

- i) The design team has been mapping out where things will go.
- ii) We hope to acquire the wood that will be needed before the rains come. If not, it will be right before the project begins and will be milled on site.
- iii) There should be a minimal impact on the trees, but some thinning is needed. One tree in the middle of the park is dead and will be removed.
- iv) No irrigation will be needed after the first year, which is healthier for the oaks.
- v) The various elements will be interspersed throughout the park which will help with drainage and accessibility.
- vi) We hope to break ground in March and have the work completed in 90 days.

6) **NEW BUSINESS:**

a) **Bond Field Proposal – Pacific University**

- i) Lauren Brownrigg, the Associate Athletic Director at Pacific spoke to the Commission about an unexpected donation that would allow Pacific to turf the baseball infield and bullpens.
- ii) The drainage system would be upgraded, as there have been issues with it in the past.
- iii) An irrigation system would be installed and home plate and the pitcher's mound would be non-movable.
- iv) The project needs to start August 21 and it will take four to five weeks to complete.
- v) The Recreation Commission voted to support the project.

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7) **COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:** None

8) **COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT:**

a) **Malynda:**

- i) West side planning talks continue. The Planning Commission recommended a minimum amount of commercial space (10,000 square feet) should be put in the plan.
- ii) A neighborhood septic tank is being recommended for the David Hill development inside the west side planning area.

9) **STAFF REPORTS:**

a) **Matt:**

- i) Things are happening at Thatcher Park. The new dug-outs, which are part of an Eagle Scout project, are almost complete. The 210 goats should arrive Labor Day weekend. Once they are finished the trail will be rebuilt, along with the footbridge. National Honor Society students have been working hard up at the park.
- ii) One of the parks truck was stolen, but it was recovered in good shape.
- iii) There should be a resolution to staffing issues in the next few days.

b) **Tom:**

- i) The last session of swim lessons started this week. We have been having some staffing challenges because so many employees are on the swim club and others have headed off to college.
- ii) The annual maintenance closure is August 28 thru September 10. We will be painting both pools, replacing the front counter and the counter and mailboxes in the back room, refurbishing the main circulation pump, along with deep cleaning the entire facility.
- iii) I will be attending the National NRPA conference in New Orleans in September.

10) **ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at 7:00 a.m.

11) **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 a.m.