

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF DELANO**  
**Park and Recreation Commission**  
**Wednesday, January 25, 2017**  
**5:00 PM**

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting on January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 was called to order at 5:01pm.

**2. Roll Call and Approval of Agenda**

Present: Mike Lindquist, Joe Schleper, Sean Peterson, Tom Schaffer, Merle Wagner, Phil Kern

Not Present: Dan Menk

Merle made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Joe. The motion carried.

**3. Minutes**

Mike made the motion to approve the minutes from the December 21<sup>st</sup> meeting, and it was seconded by Sean. The motion carried.

**4. Order of Business**

**A. Resident input regarding skating rinks**

Nelson approached the Commission regarding the City-sponsored skating rinks. He inquired about the outdoor rink next to the Ice Arena and asked for an explanation regarding the City's role with that facility. He stated the City does a great job with parks in the summer and would like to see more emphasis put on community skating in the winter. He offered to stay involved and be part of an effort to have public skating venues for both recreational skating and hockey in the community. He stated that the rinks at Central Park were a good start and could serve as the venue for future additions.

The Park and Recreation Commission discussed options for rink improvements, either in terms of quantity or quality. The Commission also discussed the potential to use the upcoming new concessions building as a warming facility. The Commission stated this should be a topic of discussion on future agendas.

**B. Community Groups Discussion**

The Commission picked up on previous discussions about whether or not to dedicate a portion of its meetings to check in with community groups. The discussion centered around the purpose of doing it and what the objective would be. The Commission discussed the importance of being available to listen and engage groups in discussion, yet not wanting to impose additional time requirements on groups if things are going well.

The Commission agreed it should develop an annual letter that is sent to athletic groups

introducing the Commission and providing information on how to get on an agenda if desired.

C. Utility Boxes/Canoe Sign

The Commission recapped a sub-committee meeting with Paul Twite, that Delano Municipal Utilities (DMU) would be open to wrapping a few boxes in the downtown area with art. DMU would need to participate in the installation and approve of any products so as to make sure safety hazards are not created. The Commission requested staff follow-up with Deb Debeer on behalf of the Council for Arts and Culture to see if they are willing to commission the art project.

D. Splash Pad

Kern updated the Commission that the General Federated Women's Club of Delano (GFWC) had contacted Landscape Structures and recently decided to encourage the development of a Splashpad in town. Kern stated that nothing more had come of the request, but wanted the Commission to know that a community organization was pushing for this project.

E. "Kayak the River"

Kern shared with the Commission an idea presented to staff by a Delano resident. The idea was to contact a company that rents/leases kayaks and designated a weekend "Kayak the Crow" weekend in Delano. The Commission encouraged staff to follow-up on the idea and bring it back for more discussion.

F. Discuss Central Park Building/Concession Stand.

Kern stated that this project is still on the radar and planned for the fall of 2017. Staff is working with an arborist from the University of Minnesota regarding the possible issues with the oak trees and will have a better determination in the spring.

G. Schedule Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017, at 5 pm.

H. Other Business

**5. Adjournment**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm.