

## City of Columbus Park Board Meeting

January 19, 2017, 6:30 p.m.

### Call to Order

Sandie Wood called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

### Roll Call

Members Present: Sandie Wood, Bob Bodene, Andrew Fraley, and Andrea Messina.

Members Absent: Marilyn Didling.

Also Present: Council Member Mark Daly, Public Works Superintendent Jim Windingstad, and Secretary Karen Boland.

### Approval of Minutes

Andrea Messina made a **motion** to approve the October 20, 2016 minutes. Second by Andrew Fraley. Motion was approved.

### Agenda Additions or Deletions

The subject of ballfield reservations was added to the agenda.

### Treasurer's Report

Park Fund balance	\$79,832.78
Park Capital Fund balance	\$25,774.83
Park Land Fund balance	\$43,989.35

The Park Land Fund received monies from a number of recent development projects.

### City Administrator/PW Superintendent Report

#### a) Ball Field Fencing Request

There have been complaints about teams losing softballs on Field One, because overthrown balls roll down the hill. The request has been made for a fence along the wood line. Jim will measure for it after the snow melts and get an estimate at the same time he gets estimates for the fencing along the north side of Kettle River Boulevard, to replace the telephone poles.

#### b) Ball Field Reservations

By January 17<sup>th</sup>, ball fields 1, 3, 4, and 5 were already completely reserved Mondays through Thursdays for the year. People wanted to reserve fields even before the first of the new year, but 2017 monies could not be accepted in 2016. There are still availabilities for Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. The tournaments have not yet reserved spots. Board members had no suggestions for the reservation system. It is good the fields are being utilized.

c) Tennis Court Repair/Resurfacing Estimates

This is a project for this year. Last year Jim received an estimate of \$8200 from Court Surfaces and Repair, Inc. of Ham Lake for the tennis courts. He will get a second estimate and reconfirm the first one. Board members would like him to get pricing on what it would cost to add pickle ball lines to the courts.

d) Fencing Alternative to Telephone Poles

Last October, Jim got an estimate for fencing along the north side of Kettle River Boulevard, from the edge of the parking lot to the creek. It came to \$11,740. Jim will confirm this estimate and find out the cost of adding some fencing by Field One to stop stray balls. He will also get a second estimate.

. Old Business

a) Blacktopping of Main Parking Lot (Lot A)

Council member Daly said the cost estimate to blacktop the main parking lot went from approximately \$57,000 to \$97,000 after further evaluation. Drainage would result in a need to re-excavate the whole thing, and put in a holding pond. The City Council said no to the blacktopping at this much-higher estimated cost.

New Business

a) Phase 4 of Playground

This will need to be re-visited at the next meeting. Board members and staff are not clear on what exactly Phase 4 entails. Any additional equipment has not yet been purchased, and would need to be considered. Board members suggested looking into some simple adult exercise equipment to be added to the playground instead of more play alternatives. Jim will look into the original plan for Phase 4, look at current maintenance issues at the playground—such as peeling paint and other

repairs, and determine who the City would need to work with re: upkeep and further expansion.

Sandie Wood noted that there are foot tracks in the snow at Hidden Lake Park, leading to the swings.

#### Next Meeting

The next meeting will be April 20, 2017 at **6:00 p.m.** Board members will meet in the Public Works Building, and take a park tour, weather permitting.

#### Adjourn

Sandie Wood made a **motion** to adjourn. Second by Bob Bodene. Meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted  
Karen Boland, Recording Secretary