

FARIBAULT PARK AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING
MINUTES FOR JANUARY 18, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lola Brand, Sally Kramer, Nicholas Liverseed, and Cheryl Sterling. STAFF PRESENT: Director Paul Peanasky and Department Secretary Denise Hansen. GUESTS: BMX Board Members Trudy Kirk and Pam Charlton; and City Council Members Kay Duchene and John Rowan.

- 1) Meeting was called to order by Cheryl at 6:08 p.m.
- 2) BMX Track: Trudy Kirk and Pam Charlton presented minutes from the BMX Fall Meeting and the Financial Review for 2016. They reported a great turnout for the Gold Cup Qualifier and State Qualifier races held in Faribault in 2016. The 2017 State Qualifier races will be held August 12-13, 2017. Trudy and Pam discussed proposed projects which included replacing the starting gate either in 2017 or 2018 and possibly obtaining a temporary concession stand. Trudy and Pam asked for permission to extend fencing around a temporary concession stand to deter any vandalism. Paul stated he'd need the building plans to submit for approval. Trudy and Pam stated the priority this year is the concession stand rather than the starting gate. Board complimented Trudy and Pam for the shape of the BMX Track and thanked them for all their work and for coming to the meeting with the update.
- 3) Introduction: Board members, staff and council members introduced themselves.
- 4) Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Sally, seconded by Lola to approve the minutes of August 24, 2016. Motion passed.
- 5) Introduce Tori Mattson, Aquatics Supervisor: Paul introduced Tori Mattson, the newly hired Aquatics Supervisor, to the Board. Board welcomed Tori.
- 6) Director's Report:
 - a) CROCT: Paul stated he spoke with CROCT and they would like to meet with Paul next week to discuss an agreement for installing bike trails. The CROCT Agreement will be presented at the Board meeting in February and then to go to City Council for approval. One proposed trail would start at Teepee Tonka Park, on the east side of the river, continue to River Bend Nature Center bridge and circle back. The other track would be constructed by the holding pond by Spring Road and Westwood Road.
 - b) Mill Towns Update: Funds are being solicited from the state legislature to complete the trail from 17th Street to White Sands Dog Park. They are also working with the City Planning Department with all plans. They hope to start construction in September or October of 2017.
 - c) Bell Field Project: Paul reported the Parks & Recreation large project for 2017 will be improvements at Bell Field which includes making it ADA compliant.
 - d) Event Approval: City Council asked that the Park and Recreation Board approve all street closure events and that written agreements for these events be executed and approved by City Council.
- 7) Request to be Heard: None.

- 8) Old Business:
- a) Senior Center Expansion Update: Sr. Center has raised approximately \$1.6 million of the \$2.1 million needed for expansion. They will start construction once 90% of the funds have been raised. Also, the City will relocate all renters in the City owned houses that will need to be removed. All buildings will be removed prior to starting construction of the Senior Center. Also, the City plans to remove all buildings at one time including those across Division Street and behind the library.
 - b) Mainstreet Request to Convert Teepee Tonka Park to Campground: Nothing new to report.
 - c) Public Works Site: Paul reported MPCA reviewed the public works site and it would be very expensive to clean the old public works site and make it usable.
- 9) New Business:
- a) BMX Request: The BMX Board is requesting permission for overnight camping during their State Qualifier Races on August 11-12, 2017, at South Alexander Park. Motion made by Lola, seconded by Sally to allow camping on August 11-12, 2017, in South Alexander Park for the BMX State Qualifier Races. Motion passed.
 - b) 2017 CIP Budget: Paul reiterated that Bell Field improvements will be the large project in 2017 for the Parks & Recreation Department.
 - c) Adult Softball Board Restructure: Joe Clammer, Softball Board President for last 10 years, has stepped down as has the rest of the Board. If a new Board is not formed, the adult softball program will fall under the direction of the Park and Recreation Department. Paul stated there is a separate Umpires Association and they would continue to operate as their own unit and not part of Park and Recreation.
 - d) Drag-ons Car Show: Faribo Drag-ons requested use of North Alexander Park on May 20, 2017, for a car show. This would be the same as what has been done in past years. Motion made by Sally, seconded by Nicholas to approve use of North Alexander Park for the Drag-ons Car Show on May 20, 2017. Motion passed.
 - e) Rice County Historical Society (RCHS): RCHS requested use of North Alexander Park for parking for events on May 20, August 12, September 9 and October 7, 2017. They are working with Drag-ons to share the space on May 20. Motion made by Lola, seconded by Sally to approve use of North Alexander Park by Rice County Historical Society on May 20, August 12, September 9 and October 7. Motion passed.
- 10) Recognition of Board Members: Kay and John presented gifts to Board Members on behalf of the City Council as a thank you for all their time and work.
- 11) Other:
- a) Heritage Days: Board discussed getting new members for Heritage Festival Board.
- 12) Next Meeting:
- d) Next Meeting: The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 22, 2017, at 6 p.m.
- 13) Motion was made by Lola, seconded by Sally to adjourn at 7:43 p.m. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Hansen, Department Secretary