

FARIBAULT PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 27, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rahma Abdi, Lola Brand, Sally Kramer, Chad Kreager, Bruce Krinke, Elsie Slinger and Troy Temple. MEMBERS ABSENT: Cheryl Sterling. STAFF PRESENT: Director Paul Peanasky and Administrative Assistant Denise Hansen. GUEST: Donna and Russ Bauer, Farmers' Market.

- 1) Meeting was called to order by Bruce at 5:58 p.m.
- 2) Paul and Board welcomed new student board representative Rahma Abdi. Rahma is in 10th grade at Faribault High School.
- 3) Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Chad, seconded by Sally to approve minutes of January 23, 2019. Motion passed.
- 4) Farmers' Market Annual Presentation: Donna and Russ Bauer discussed the 2018 Farmer's Market season. Russ and Donna stated they would like to see younger people involved with growing and selling vegetables. They are concerned with a shorter growing season which will determine what's available this year. Family Day has been a really good event for the Farmers' Market. Farmers' Market vendors do accept WIC and Allina Bucks. June 1st is the tentative start date for the market. Paul stated the Parks Master Plan does include installation of cement or patio blocks in Central Park for vendors to set up on. Russ and Donna mentioned a crosswalk/pedestrian sign for the 6th Street and 3rd Avenue intersection is needed as many people don't see the stop sign at that intersection. Paul will follow up to get signage. Board thanked Russ and Donna for coming and for all their work.
- 5) Election of Officers:
 - a. Chair: Motion made by Lola , seconded by Elsie to nominate Bruce as Chair. Motion passed.
 - b. Vice Chair: Motion made by Elsie, seconded by Lola to nominate Troy as Vice Chair. Motion passed.
- 6) Director's Report:
 - a) Bliss Property: Paul shared a map showing Outlot A of the Bliss property on St Paul Avenue which they are planning to sell. Paul asked if the Board preferred parkland dedication or cash in lieu of parkland dedication. Outlot A is the only lot being sold at this time which is 3.1 acres. Motion made by Lola, seconded by Chad to request cash rather than parkland dedication for the sale of Outlot A of the Bliss property on St. Paul Avenue. Motion passed.
 - b) Softball Association: Paul stated the Softball Association would like to raise some funds by selling advertising signs that would be installed on the fences at some of the ballfields in North Alexander Park. They would be totally responsible for the signs. Board discussed aesthetics of signs on the side and/or outfield fences. Paul

will continue working with the Softball Association and discuss with the Board at a later date.

- c) Tree Board: Chris O'Neil was the Park and Recreation Board representative on the Tree Board and he has resigned. Tree Board organizes Arbor Day events and meets approximately once a year. Sally Kramer volunteered to serve on the Tree Board as Board representative. Paul will submit to Council for approval.
- 7) Requests to be Heard: None.
- 8) Old Business:
- a) Parks Master Plan: Parks Master Plan meeting is scheduled in two weeks. Revisions of park designs have been completed. Paul will forward the link to these revisions to all Board members when he gets it so Board can review. Lola asked for ideas to be submitted thru the link on how to connect the trail to form an entire loop around the City.
 - b) 1740 Willow Street: Nothing new to report.
 - c) Parks & Recreation Advisory Board By-Laws: Nothing new to report.
 - d) Mural on Band Shell – West Wall: Paul is in the process of finalizing approval for the mural.
 - e) Inclusive Playground: Paul met with a representative from Flagship Recreation regarding inclusive playground equipment. Paul will finalize members of the Inclusive Playground Committee and schedule a meeting after the Master Plan is complete to begin discussions about an inclusive playground.
 - f) Mill Towns Trail: Nothing new to report.
- 9) New Business:
- a) Shelter at Bell Field: Baseball Association wishes to add a picnic shelter along the first baseline side of Bell Field. Baseball Association would raise funds to build the shelter. Paul will present more information to the Board when it is available.
 - b) Life-Saving Awards: Paul informed the Board that two Aquatic Center employees, Julian Meehl and Meghan Knutson, are receiving life-saving awards from Red Cross in recognition of their life-saving actions at the Aquatic Center this last summer.
- 10) Other:
- a) Buckham Bulletin: The Buckham Bulletin will be out this week. Some program dates may change due to the school year extending because of multiple snow days.
- 11) Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 27, 2019.
- 12) Motion was made by Elsie, seconded by Sally to adjourn at 6:56 p.m. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Hansen, Administrative Assistant