

FARIBAULT PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES FOR MAY 22, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rahma Abdi, Lola Brand, Sally Kramer, Bruce Krinke, Cheryl Sterling and Troy Temple. MEMBERS ABSENT: Chad Kreager and Elsie Slinger. STAFF PRESENT: Director Paul Peanasky and Administrative Assistant Denise Hansen. GUESTS: None.

- 1) Meeting was called to order by Bruce at 6:01 p.m.
- 2) Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Troy, seconded by Cheryl to approve minutes of April 24, 2019. Motion passed.
- 3) Director's Report:
  - a) Tunnel Lighting Project: Slinger Electric, Inc. submitted the lowest quote for the Teepee Tonka Tunnel Lighting Project. This item is on the May 28<sup>th</sup> City Council agenda for approval.
  - b) Trail Issues: Culverts have collapsed on the trail by the Middle School. Paul is getting a bid to repair it. The Straight River Trail by Trails Edge Apartments and 9<sup>th</sup> Street also has some damage from the river flooding and undercutting the trail. This will be an expensive repair so Paul will work with Council to determine funding.
  - c) SMRPA Golf Tournament: Paul presented information about the SMRPA (Southern Minnesota Recreation and Parks Association) golf tournament and invited all to attend. The tournament is a fundraiser with proceeds going to park and recreation student scholarships.
  - d) Concerts in the Park – SE MN Arts Council Grant: Paul reported the Southeast Minnesota Arts Council awarded \$6,710 in grant funds to the City for all concerts in the park and Saturday's Heritage Days music in the park.
  - e) Soccer Complex: Vandals pled guilty to damaging the trees two years ago at the Soccer Complex and their sentencing hearing is July 11<sup>th</sup>. The City will submit a Victim Statement requesting restitution.
- 4) Requests to be Heard: None.
- 5) Old Business:
  - a) Parks Master Plan: Paul emailed the Parks Master Plan link to all Board Members. Paul asked the Board Members to review and submit corrections and/or suggestions for the plan. Board will review the plan as a group at the July meeting. The Downtown Master Plan is also available to review on the Journey to 2040 website. Paul will send a link to that plan as well.
  - b) Parks & Recreation Advisory Board By-Laws: Parks & Recreation Board will review, update and approve by-laws at the July meeting.
  - c) Mural on Band Shell – West Wall: The mural for the band shell was approved by City Council at their meeting last week and the agreement has been signed. Work is currently being done on the murals and they will be installed shortly. Per the Board's

request, the Mural Society reviewed all images on the mural and agreed they were relevant and accurate.

- d) Inclusive Playground: Nothing new to report.
- e) Mill Towns Trail: The trail bridge will be lowered into place on Friday morning. The trail dedication will be held after the trail is completed which will likely be in August or September.

6) New Business:

- a) Old Public Works Park Layout: Paul presented a map of the old public works site showing the proposed layout of the park on that parcel. The layout shows a parking lot, picnic shelter, playground area, canoe landing, trail and lawn area. Board discussed the area on the other side of the river and what an ideal site it would be for trails. Paul stated nothing is currently planned for the other side of the river. Board discussed the playground being located on the end of the park next to the railroad tracks. Paul noted the suggestion and stated a fence could be installed so the railroad track is not accessible. Board also discussed a safety program the railroad company has conducted in the past to educate the public about railroad safety. Paul stated there is no funding this year to construct the park but funding may be available next year. He also stated this is part of the Downtown Master Plan. Motion was made by Lola, seconded by Cheryl to move forward with the general layout of the park contingent on construction of the apartment building next to the park. Motion passed.

7) Other:

- a) Mowing at Water Tower: Paul discussed with the Utilities Department the possibility of having a wild flower or bee garden area by the water tower rather than mowing. They will discuss the suggestion.
- 8) Next Meeting: The next meeting is the annual tour of parks scheduled for Wednesday, June 26, 2019, at the Community Center at 5:30 p.m.
- 9) Motion was made by Cheryl, seconded by Sally to adjourn at 6:35 p.m. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Denise Hansen, Administrative Assistant