

**OAK GROVE PARKS COMMISSION
AUGUST 16, 2023
OAK GROVE PRESERVE PARK**

Chair Tri called the regular meeting of the Oak Grove Parks Commission to order at 6:00 pm.

Present: Jerry Tri, Chair
Dianne Pederson, Commissioner
Annette West, Commissioner
Gene Hodel, Commissioner

Also present: Mike Wylie- City Council, Loren Wickham- City Administrator,

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Regular meeting July 19, 2023

Commissioner West moved, second by Commissioner Pederson to approve the July 19, 2023 meeting minutes. Motion carried 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

2. Eagle Scout Project

Commissioner discussed the Eagle Scout project and decided maintenance activities are more of a community service project and are not in favor of that type of project for Micah. Public Works installed one of the benches donated by the Oak Grove Lions so a bench is not needed by the pickleball court anymore. They also thought the disc golf course could use some work and updating so that is a potential project. After much discussion and ideas Commissioners decided Micah should come to the Parks Commission with a proposal and plan.

Commissioner Oman moved, second by Commissioner Hodel to have Chair Tri and City Administrator work with Micah on his project to plant trees and install benches at Oak Grove Preserve Park. Motion carried 4-0.

3. Parks Commission Discussion Items

Dunlop Park Dock System: Chair Tri gave an update. Marine Dock & Lift will install the dock system on August 28th. Public Works did some clearing to prep the site.

Oak Grove Lions Benches Donation

Council Member Wylie asked if all the benches the Oak Grove Lions donated have been installed. Administrator Wickham stated yes. Council Member Wylie requested a map or listing of all the bench locations be included in the fall newsletter. Commissioner West requested we included that the Oak Grove Parks Commission is very grateful for the donation from the Oak Grove Lions.

Lighting Event

Administrator Wickham updated that the Council is recommending \$4,000 in the 2024 budget for the event. Commissioner West will reach out to local tree service companies to see if they are interested in putting lights up again in exchange for event sponsorship recognition. Administrator Wickham read an email from Commission Oman who was unable to make the meeting.

Seelye Brook Trail: Commissioners are interested in connecting the Seelye Brook Trail to River Meadows Park to create another loop in the trail system. Public Works will clear out this fall to make connection and mow a couple times a year like they do at Dunlop Park.

Commissioner Hodel met with Karen Blaska from Anoka County Parks to discuss the county trail plans.

Administrator Wickham will reach out to Karen Blaska to attend an upcoming meeting to discuss partnerships with Anoka County.

- Next meeting is September 20, 2023.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner West, second by Commissioner Pederson to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 PM. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Loren Wickham, City Administrator

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