

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the special meeting of the Brainerd Park Board was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Board President Shipe.

Upon roll call, the following board members were noted present: Miller, Schaefer, Shipe, Yeager, and Rushmeyer.

Also noted present was City Engineer/Public Works Director Dehn.

Approval of the Agenda - Approved

MOVED AND SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBERS YEAGER AND RUSHMEYER, DULY CARRIED, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA.

Unfinished Business

Approve 2023 Updated Park Board Meeting Schedule

MOVED AND SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBERS SCHAEFER AND YEAGER, DULY CARRIED, TO APPROVE THE UPDATED MEETING SCHEDULE WITH ONE CHANGE, MOVING THE MARCH 14TH MEETING TO MARCH 21ST.

Approve Widseth Design Agreement

MOVED AND SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBERS YEAGER AND SCHAEFER, DULY CARRIED, TO APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FROM WIDSETH FOR DESIGN OF THE 3 ARPA PROJECTS AS PRESENTED, WITH STAFF ASKING ABOUT ANY CREDITS FOR PERVIOUS WORK DONE.

Prior to starting Master Park Planning, Director Dehn added a discussion regarding an Outdoor Rec Grant through the MN DNR. Dehn was looking for general consensus from the Park Board that they are interested in staff applying for the grant that could potentially double the funds for the Lum Park Beach project. This grant would add funds for the beach restroom, beach, and parking lot, as well as ADA accessibility. Park Board was in agreement to request approval for the grant at the next regular meeting.

Master Park Planning

Lum Park: The Board discussed the Master Plan of Lum Park. The Board looked at options to put tent sites in and in the winter that area could be used as a small pleasure rink. They would like to see a walking path through the historical entrance. They would also like to see a gravel path trail that goes all the way to the Northeast end of the park that would help direct people around the park. They asked if the dock from the river was going to be able to be used at Lum Park, and Director Dehn advised that the maintenance crew intends to retro fit the dock to see if it can be used.

Memorial Park: Yeager said they are happy with the Master Plans that have been completed by WSB. The Board feels the park planning for Memorial Park is complete.

Bane Park: Dehn commented that Todd Street is set for construction in 2024. Rushmeyer said that Bane Park is a great park and is widely loved and used for tournament baseball. He knows that the Baseball Association would love to see a batting cage at this park for batting practice. Rushmeyer also stated that prior to purchasing anything baseball related, they should talk to the Baseball Association as they are willing to help with funds and even sweat equity to the ball fields. The Board would like to see pickle ball and a basketball court on the existing large hockey rink. They would like to utilize the perimeter of the park for disc golf. The road that comes through the park would be turned into a berm and the grassy land behind in the Northeast corner could be used for a picnic area with picnic tables and extra garbage cans. The Board would like to see Todd Street have angled parking to help with the congestion and parking concerns. Yeager plans to bring a sketch of the Master Plan for Bane Park to the meeting on the 28th of February.

Adjourn

MOVED AND SECONDED BY YEAGER AND MILLER, DULY CARRIED, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 5:38 P.M. TO SPECIAL PARK BOARD MEETING ON FEBRUARY 15, 2023 IN THE 2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cari LaRose, Administrative Specialist

February 7, 2023