

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the special meeting of the Brainerd Park Board was called to order at 4:02 p.m. by Board President Rushmeyer.

The following members were noted as present: Schaefer, Shipe, Yeager, and Rushmeyer. Member Boeder and City Council Liaison Dave Badeaux were noted absent.

Also noted present were Recreation Coordinator Kaufman, City Administrator Jennifer Bergman, and Natalie Schiferl from the Brainerd Northside Neighborhood Association.

Approval of the Agenda - Approved

MOVED AND SECONDED BY MEMBERS YEAGER AND SCHAEFER, DULY CARRIED, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

Unfinished Business

Park Board Work Session-Parks Master Planning

Work Session Notes

Mr. Yeager presented renderings of Buster Park based on notes from the April 19 master planning session. The big changes include the new shelter, which he drew in the same location as the existing structure, bathrooms in port-a-potty style with a decorative wrap around them, watering station somewhere near the entry, paving the parking lot, adding a pavilion, improving the open space and six primitive overnight campsites, clearing and landscaping. Possible future amenities were discussed. The plan as presented will be on the next Park Board meeting agenda for approval.

Mr. Yeager turned the floor over to Mr. Shipe and Ms. Schiferl. Ms. Schiferl shared a paper flyer for the Spring Into Action Clean-up Day that the Brainerd Northside Neighborhood Association is promoting throughout the neighborhood. The volunteers will clean up weeds and mulched areas, trim some shrubs and do some overall clean-up of sticks and debris. Mr. Rushmeyer repeated his request for a summary of the BNNA's presentation to the Park Board at the February 22 meeting. Ms. Schiferl said she would try to get it.

Mr. Yeager opened discussion for Gregory Park and Triangle Park master planning. The Board went through the worksheet item by item. Parking inside Gregory Park is still an issue. A sidewalk from the street to the existing concrete was discussed previously and was brought up again to alleviate parking in this park. Board members would like to add a second basketball court. They would like to see the bandstand made structurally sound so it can be used, and create a symmetrical promenade from the south entrance to the center court area with benches and trees lining the walkways and possibly incorporate local art such as a sculpture garden. The consensus is to keep the fountain at its present location. The Board is getting away from grilling stations in the parks. The Triangle Park sign will be replaced. Horseshoe pits or permanent corn hole boards at Triangle Park are a possibility. Mutt mitts are requested at Triangle Park. Some sort of shade and seating for parents while they are watching their kids is needed at Triangle Park. Underground versus overhead power would be preferred to eliminate power poles.

The Park Board will be pausing the parks master planning sessions until a new City Engineer/Public Works Director is hired.

Adjourn

MOVED AND SECONDED AT 5:30 P.M. BY SCHAEFER AND SHIPE, DULY CARRIED,
TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Finch, Administrative Specialist

May 10, 2022