

BRAINERD PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
Special Park Board Meeting
September 17, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.
Widseth Smith Nolting Conference Room

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the special meeting of the
Parks and Recreation Board was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

Present were President Troy Rushmeyer, Kara Schaefer, Dale Parks, Tim Boeder, Kevin Yeager and Park Director Tony Sailer. Also noted present were Joe Dubel and Tim Houle from Widseth Smith Nolting. City Council Liaison Dave Badeaux was noted absent.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Memorial Park Project

Mr. Dubel recapped the September 10 committee meeting, reiterating the committee's decisions to move forward with a conceptual design that did not include the Brainerd Industrial Center parking lot, and to allow space for a fourth softball field if one is needed in the future. He presented a conceptual design with the amenities that were discussed at previous meetings. He used the plans from the Gregory Park warming house as requested and added a second walking path from the outdoor rinks to the restrooms and concession building.

Mr. Rushmeyer was absent from the previous two meetings but had reviewed the draft minutes. He expressed concern that the existing parking lot plus street parking would not be enough parking, especially for large events. Mr. Boeder said on the busiest league nights in the summer the BIC parking lot is about two-thirds full. Mr. Dubel did a count of parking spaces from aerial photos. The BIC lot has approximately 215 spaces and the Mills Field lot about 150, which is slightly more than two-thirds of the BIC lot. It was discussed that there are options for additional parking areas that wouldn't necessarily need to be paved. The committee would just as soon not have to plan for another retention pond.

Discussion moved on to the renderings provided by WSN. It was decided to move the first hockey rink southward and re-angle the warming house so that restrooms are on the parking lot side and the warming house/pavilion faces the outdoor rinks and ball fields. This will also allow for a larger pleasure rink that committee members requested. Another change is to move the new playground equipment next to the hockey rinks and the horseshoe pits closest to the trees, which will provide better visibility for parents that have children using the playground. Mr. Dubel also plans to reduce the amount of asphalt around the restrooms and concession building, keeping pea rock over much of the area.

Cost estimates for the project as presented are \$1,032,681. Mr. Dubel asked committee members to think about any other items for the final version that Mr. Sailer will present to the City Council at the October 21 meeting. Mr. Sailer will have it on the regular Park Board agenda for Sept. 24.

The fifth and final committee meeting will be at 4 p.m. on October 1 at Widseth Smith Nolting.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

PUBLIC FORUM

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, September 24, 2019, at 4:00 p.m. at the Conference Room at City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made at 5:31 p.m. by Ms. Schaefer and seconded by Mr. Yeager. Motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Finch, Administrative Specialist