

FARIBAULT PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
MINUTES FOR APRIL 24, 2019

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

- 1) Meeting was called to order by Bruce at 6:00 p.m.
- 2) Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Sally, seconded by Lola to approve minutes of March 27, 2019. Motion passed.
- 3) Director's Report:
 - a) Teepee Tonka Park Flooding: Teepee Tonka Park has flooded twice this spring. The water is still up to the road so the park remains closed at this time.
 - b) Prairie Park: Paul stated he is meeting with ISG to design the layout of Prairie Park. Paul will bring design plans to a future Board meeting.
 - c) Bell Field Improvements: Paul is meeting with Met-Con next week to discuss ideas and pricing for Bell Field improvements.
 - d) Boulevard Tree Program: City Council approved the Boulevard Tree Program. The program will start by planting approximately 60 trees in boulevards on Municipal State Aid (MSA) streets. MSA funds can be used for these trees. After planting on MSA streets, we will begin planting approximately 60 trees each year at a cost of \$25,000 on other designated streets. The trees will be funded by the city and various other programs. This program is meant to replant trees that have died or been destroyed in established areas. New developments will still be responsible for planting their own trees.
 - e) Arbor Day: Arbor Day is May 4, 2019. The Tree Board will plant trees on Arbor Day at 9:00 A.M. near the 2nd Avenue entrance to North Alexander Park and Rice County Fairgrounds.
 - f) Staff Retirement: Susie Marquardt, Community Center front desk receptionist, is retiring this summer. Her last day is June 7, 2019.
- 4) Requests to be Heard: None.
- 5) Old Business:
 - a) Parks Master Plan: Nothing new to report.
 - b) 1740 Willow Street: Due to time constraints, the Parks Department will mow a path through the 1740 Willow Street property for walking. They will not be preparing it for a community garden this year.
 - c) Parks & Recreation Advisory Board By-Laws: City Council will discuss Council representation on boards and/or committees at their April 30th City Council retreat.
 - d) Mural on Band Shell – West Wall: Nothing new to report.

- e) Inclusive Playground: Nothing new to report.
 - f) Mill Towns Trail: Construction is continuing on the trail by Highway 21.
- 6) New Business:
- a) Meadows Park Layout: Paul presented plans for development of Meadows Park. Plans include pickleball courts, playground, benches, trail, small shelter, open area and bee garden area. All amenities will be connected by sidewalks for accessibility. Perkins & Will provided the plan which was modified as needed. Board discussed need for bathrooms. Paul stated a permanent bathroom is not planned. Portable toilets could be used in the summer time. Board also asked about a fence around the pickleball courts and Paul stated there is not a plan for a fence. Board asked about garbage cans. Paul indicated garbage cans will be provided by the Parks Department as they are for other parks. Plans are to complete this park this summer. If property adjacent to the park is developed, the city would ask for parkland dedication adjacent to Meadows Park so the park could be expanded. Board reviewed and approved plans as presented.
- 7) Other:
- a) Heritage Days Parade: Due to road construction and detours, the Heritage Days Committee is moving the parade route to 3rd Avenue. The parade will line up by South Alexander Park and on 13th Street NW. The parade will start at the intersection of 13th Street NW and 3rd Avenue NW, continue south on 3rd Avenue NW to Central Park, west on 6th Street NW and end at 6th Avenue NW.
 - b) Mowing: Lola asked if the area by the water tower could be a bee garden area or wild flower area rather than mowing the grass. Paul will discuss suggestion with the Utilities Department.
- 8) Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 22, 2019.
- 9) Motion was made by Lola, seconded by Chad to adjourn at 6:33 p.m. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Hansen, Administrative Assistant