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**CITY OF ARDEN HILLS  
PARKS, TRAILS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2019, 6:30 PM  
ARDEN HILLS CITY HALL**

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**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Chair Rich Straumann called the January 15, 2019 meeting of the Parks, Trails, and Recreation Committee to order at 6:30 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair Rich Straumann, Committee Members Paul Beggin, Nancy O'Malley, Harold Peterson, Terry Finlay and John Van Valkenburg, City Council Liaison David Grant

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Public Works Director/City Engineer Sue Polka

**ABSENT:** Staff Liaison Sara Knoll

**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** The agenda was unanimously approved by the Committee.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. October 16, 2018 PTRC Minutes

**MOTION:** The minutes were unanimously approved by the Committee.

**3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. Hazelnut Park Update**

**Public Works Director/City Engineer Sue Polka** said Bolton and Menk are working on a new site design so the warming house building can be raised up to be more visible. They are also looking at parking lot improvements. She noted that a young man contacted her regarding doing a master water steward project and he may do a rain garden or other demonstration site in conjunction with the park improvements.

**B. Cummings Park Playground Update**

**Public Works Director/City Engineer Polka** passed a diagram of the plans WSB put together for the playground project. The City is hoping to have a company come take the old equipment to be

refurbished and donated at no charge to the City. There will be request for proposals for the site work and new playground equipment.

### **C. TCAAP Open House/Survey Feedback and JDA Update**

**Public Works Director/City Engineer Polka** noted the survey results pointed toward a community centered type space for the civic site.

**Committee Member Harold Peterson** said the civic center architect, HGA, took ideas from the task force and the PTRC to develop their drawings. It came down to wellness, community activity and parks and recreation use. He felt the feedback from the public wasn't much different from what the committee had talked about.

**Committee Member Terry Finlay** mentioned that that the civic site is separate from the trail system and they could move forward with ideas for the trails independently.

**Public Works Director/City Engineer Polka** said she has been working with Ramsey County Parks on the potential trails in the area.

### **D. Garden Club – Next Steps**

**City Council Liaison David Grant** noted that Councilmember Fran Holmes requested looking into the possibility of forming a Garden Club.

**Public Works Director/City Engineer Polka** said she thinks they should put some type of organization in place so there is a name to give if residents call wanting to know if there is a club.

### **E. Recap of 2018 Plans and Proposed 2019 Plans**

**City Council Liaison Grant** mentioned the trail on the north side of McCracken there is a trail that goes around the wetland back to the school that used to go to the road but now with a retaining wall there people are walking on the neighbors' yards and there will probably be signs placed to direct people.

**Public Works Director/City Engineer Polka** said the trail on County Road E is finished as well as the sidewalk on County Road F. Boston Scientific is moving additional employees to Arden Hills and will be adding on to one of the buildings, making changes to Innovation Way and they have offered to pay for a volleyball court in Cummings Park.

**Committee Member John Van Valkenburg** suggested asking Boston Scientific for \$2500 to replace the second basketball hoop at Cummings Park.

Discussion ensued regarding future potential trails and the Moundsview High School expansion.

**Public Works Director/City Engineer Polka** said Xcel Energy is giving the City funds to replant the garden at Lindey's Park.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Election of Committee Chair**

**Committee Member Finlay** nominated Rich Straumann.

**Committee Member Van Valkenburg** seconded.

**MOTION:** Rich Straumann was unanimously elected Committee Chair.

**5. REPORTS**

A verbal update was given on new businesses and potential new developments in Arden Hills.

**6. NEXT MEETING**

The next PTRC Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 19, 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.