



**CITY OF ARDEN HILLS
PARKS, TRAILS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2019, 6:30 PM
ARDEN HILLS CITY HALL**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Rich Straumann called the September 17, 2019 meeting of the Parks, Trails, and Recreation Committee to order at 5:02 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Rich Straumann, Committee Members Terry Finlay, Paul Beggin, Harold Petersen, Dan Dietz

OTHERS PRESENT: City Council Liaison David Grant, Staff Liaison Sara Knoll, Interim Public Works Director/City Engineer Todd Blomstrom, Jill Anderson and Marie Hinton

ABSENT: Committee Members Nancy O'Malley, John Van Valkenburg and Tim Nelson

Marie Hinton and Jill Anderson shared their background and why they'd like to participate in joining the PTRC Committee.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: The agenda was unanimously approved by the Committee.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. July 16, 2019 PTRC Minutes

MOTION: The minutes were approved by the Committee.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. PTRC Meeting Dates

Chair Straumann noted the dates are on the third Tuesday of the month, and the Committee usually takes a tour in June and a joint Committee/Commission barbeque in July, and they don't meet in August.

Staff Liaison Knoll said there wasn't a January meeting scheduled due to the City Council meeting that same night and asked if they would like to have a meeting another night instead.

B. 2020 PTRC Work Plan

Chair Straumann recapped what trails and park projects were done in 2019, and reviewed the list of potential items for 2020.

Discussion ensued regarding playground structures, donation request letters, and possible workout stations at Cummings Park.

Interim Public Works Director/City Engineer Blomstrom described the proposed improvements for the Perry Park Dog Park, including removing the infield material, adding topsoil and sod, planting some trees, potentially building a small shade structure and options to lower the backstop fencing.

Discussion ensued regarding a shade structure for the dog park, and potential spots for additional curb cuts.

Interim Public Works Director/City Engineer Blomstrom said a feasibility report study is underway for Old Snelling/County Road E, and they will be looking at options for potentially putting a trail along one side of Old Snelling south from Lindy's corner.

City Council Liaison Grant said he'd like the Committee to give the City Council a list of trail connection priorities.

Chair Straumann responded that they'd like to see segments on Old Snelling from Lindy's to Hwy 51, E2 to Lake Valentine Road, and Lake Valentine Road to Hwy 96, moving south to north.

Discussion ensued regarding other possible east/west trail segment locations.

Interim Public Works Director/City Engineer Blomstrom gave an update on the road crossings on Hamline Avenue near Floral Park.

C. Cummings Park & Royal Hills Park Court Improvements

Staff Liaison Knoll said the basketball court and tennis court at Royal Hills are being redone and are in progress. Cummings Park basketball court and tennis courts are being resurfaced.

Interim Public Works Director/City Engineer Blomstrom noted the courts at Cummings park are being resealed, the tennis court at Royal Hills had to be sub cut, concrete was poured along the border and it needs to cure before they can finish the court.

D. 2019 Spring/Summer Participation

Staff Liaison Knoll referenced the participation lists provided. There were an additional 186 participants in programs this season. New senior classes were also provided. The recreation programmer evaluates the numbers and makes decisions on eliminating classes.

5. REPORTS

City Council Liaison Grant said the temporary warming house for Hazelnut Park will be delivered, there are ongoing discussions regarding the parking lot. Buckthorn removal will also take place.

Committee Member Beggin said a dome will be installed at the National Sports Center to be used as a practice facility for soccer.

6. NEXT MEETING

The next PTRC Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 15, 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.