

RAMSEY COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

MINUTES

November 18, 2015, 6:00 p.m.
Vadnais Sports Center

The meeting of the Ramsey County Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chair Gale Pederson at 6:06 p.m., at the Vadnais Sports Center in Vadnais Heights, MN.

Members Present: Gale Pederson, Cedrick Baker, Deb Falkowski, Bryan Shirley, Rich Straumann, Kong Vang

Members Absent: Brian Tempas, Metric Giles, Candy Peterson

Staff Present: Jon Oyanagi, Scott Yonke, Shar Whebbe, Kee Vang

Guests: John McGovern, 2 community members

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Kong Vang moved, seconded by Deb Falkowski that the agenda of the Parks and Recreation Commission be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Rich Straumann moved for approval with changes, seconded by Kong Vang that the minutes of October 14, 2015 be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE REVIEW

The Ordinance for the Control and Management of Park, Recreation and Open Space Areas and Facilities was reviewed with edits. The finalized version will be reviewed and discussed at the December meeting.

ADA TRANSITION PRESENTATION

John McGovern presented an overview of Ramsey County Parks and Recreation highlighting each program area (golf, parks, and arenas) and included suggestions for improved ADA compliance. With this information and including feedback from the community input meetings, Parks and Recreation will need to develop a transition plan for going forward. The commission suggested including information about funding the work to meet the ADA standards.

A community member expressed concerns about the accessibility of the off-leash area at Rice Creek. After some discussion, Mr. McGovern determined the concerns were not a violation of ADA standards.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- **Arena Task Force Update** – Community engagement phase is at the mid-point. Meetings are going well, but seem to be attended by current users and not necessarily our target input group.
- **Bike and Ped Plan Update** – This is moving forward and further information will be discussed at the December meeting. .

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR AND OTHER COMMISSION MEMBERS

Chair and commission members had no report at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Kong Vang moved, Deb Falkowski seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 8:28 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shar Whebbe