

RAMSEY COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

MEETING AGENDA: SEPTEMBER 13, 2017 ~ 6:00 p.m.

**LOCATION: Shoreview Library- Book Club Room
4560 Victoria Street North, Shoreview, MN 55126**

1) CALL TO ORDER

Attendance: Leah Shepard, Gale Pederson, Louise Krohn, Cedrick Baker

Absent: Candy Peterson, Brian Tempas, Metric Giles, Bryan Shirley, Kong Vang

Staff: Jon Oyanagi, Alisha Seifert, Kristi Saksvig

2) APPROVAL OF AGENDA

No quorum – *please email minutes to board for approval*

3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM AUGUST 9, 2017 (Attachment)

4) 2016 REGIONAL PARKS SYSTEM USE ESTIMATE (Attachment)

- Jon presented the information from the Met Council's Annual Use Estimate of the Regional Parks System for 2016.

- Vadnais, Keller, Battle Creek are the top three most visited parks in Ramsey County.

- Phalen-Keller is number 8 in most visited in the metro, Battle Creek-Indian Mound is 13, Grass-Vadnais-Snail is 20.

- Ramsey County is 4th overall

- Walking/Hiking is the most popular activity

5) WINTER RECREATION - SNOW MAKING PLANS

- Touring budget office; asking for \$2 million for snowmaking. Making a pitch with the Governor's staff touring the site on September 25th.

- Working to get a realistic budget for snow-making installation.

6) PROPOSED BUDGET (Attachment)

- Jon shared the County Manager's proposed budget, which is out for public review and comment. The County Board will approve the final budget in December.

- Budget and funding regarding the ADA Transition Plan was discussed briefly.

- Overall budget is \$12.8 million. Levy is \$4 million. Revenue is \$8 million.

- Golf course system study - \$200K in 2018 to analyze how our courses are operating and compare with the market – the study will provide recommendations.

- Workers compensation salaries, training and safety team discussed.

Fees, charges and capital will be presented later and are approved separately.

7) OCTOBER AGENDA (Attachment)

Meeting with the Roseville Parks & Rec (first Tuesday of the month regular meeting)

Roseville suggested the following topics for the agenda:

- System Plan update
- Planned improvements, I.e. Rice & Larpenteur Woodview dog fencing, Marion Street Park program outreach
- Natural Resource restoration – Emerald Ash Borer
- Wildlife Management – specifically deer

Cedrick officially recommends the Parks & Recreation board speak with Roseville Parks regarding both racial equity and community engagement outreach efforts. Leah seconds the motion.

Minneapolis Parks has a unique equity action plan that could be looked at for Ramsey County's efforts.

8) DIRECTOR'S REPORT

a. MINNESOTA WILD PRACTICE FACILITY

- Proposed by the Wild that Ramsey County handles the scheduling of the new practice facility atop the former Macy's location in Saint Paul.
- Ramsey County would schedule and would have access to prime hours, The Wild would have primary access on weekday mornings, not a typical-use time for most county users.
- The Wild would own and operate the rink.
- Concerns around parking downtown. Bringing terms of an agreement to the County Board on September 26.

b. KELLER GOLF COURSE PRACTICE RANGE

- Review of proposed Keller practice range to adjust the angle of the tee box, and make ADA improvements to the access and parking lot.

c. LAND ACQUISITION

- Parks acquired a piece of land between 494 and Highway 61 on Point Douglas Road/Mississippi River Trail to supplement the Fish Creek Open Space. Acquired from MNDOT.

d. HIGHLAND RESERVOIR

- Parks has submitted a letter of intent requesting use of the land area that is currently a decommissioned water reservoir.
- Proposed use will be determined by the County Board but could include additional parking and storm water solutions. A Board Workshop on October 3 will provide direction for the proposal.

- e. OFF-LEASH DOG AREA MEETING
10 -12 people at the Tamarack Nature Center meeting.
Upcoming meetings at Battle Creek Rec Center and New Brighton Rec Center.
 - f. BATTLE CREEK PLAYGROUND
 - Visioning meeting on Sept. 19 and implementing the vision on Oct. 12
 - g. SYSTEM PLAN
 - Survey is out and available
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RCParksSystemPlan>
- 9) REPORT FROM CHAIR AND OTHER COMMISSION MEMBERS
- a. Quorum was not met, Gale would like to have the minutes from August sent out and approved via email.
 - b. Leah Shepard – proper spelling.
- 10) NEXT MEETING – October 3 at Roseville City Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- 11) ADJOURNMENT
Motioned by Cedrick, approved by Gale.

NEXT MEETING: OCTOBER 3, 2017

Roseville City Hall

Please contact Jon Oyanagi at jon.oyanagi@co.ramsey.mn.us
or by calling 651-748-2500 if you are unable to attend.