

EAST BETHEL PARK COMMISSION MEETING

August 12, 2015

The East Bethel Park Commission met on August 12th, 2015 at 6:30 P.M at the East Bethel City Hall for their regular monthly meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kenneth Langmade* Bill Zimmermann Denise Lachinski
 Sue Jefferson Stacy Voelker Bonnie Harvey
 Tim Hoffman

MEMBERS EXCUSED: None

ALSO PRESENT: Nate Ayshford, Public Works Director
 Tim Harrington, City Council
 Sue Irons, Recording Secretary

Adopt Agenda **Mr Hoffman motioned to adopt the agenda. Ms Lachinski seconded; all in favor, motion carried unanimously.**

Approve
June 10, 2015
Minutes **Ms Harvey made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Ms Lachinski seconded; all in favor, motion carried unanimously.**

Park Financial Information & Capital Funds Summary Mr Ayshford presented the current fiscal year Park Maintenance financial status for the member's review (Attachment 4.1). He stated that nothing has been taken out of capital funds yet. They have just started on the outdoor ice rink at the Ice Arena and had received several contractor bids for the work but they were all too high. The work will be done within the department including replacing the boards, removing blacktop, building a warming house and fixing the lighting and fencing. They have not decided on what kind of warming house yet.

Mr Langmade noted that the St Francis Hockey Association is donating an upgraded audio system for the indoor arena. One of the parents of a player will donate the speakers, another who is an electrician will donate his time and effort and the City will pick up any additional cost for materials (approx. \$1,500).

The new boards are in and look very nice. The Hockey Association has already raised all the money they need and will be donating it to the City. The old boards have been sold but no funds have changed hands.

Line item 223 includes all insurance claims for items like the slide and decks that have been vandalized which causes a deficit in this budget. When the insurance claim is settled, the funds are placed in the General fund.

Mr Ayshford said the budget is at 57% overall which is appropriate for this time of year.

Ms Jefferson motioned to approve the financial report. Mr Zimmerman seconded; all in favor, motion carried unanimously.

HEARTSafe Program

HEARTSafe Communities is a program designed to promote survival from sudden out-of-hospital cardiac arrest. It is a general concept focused upon strengthening the “chain of survival” as described by the American Heart Association; it recognizes and stimulates efforts by individual communities to improve their system for preventing sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) from becoming irreversible death.

HEARTSafe is an open-source “collection of good ideas,” and is freely available for any regional agency interested in creating a program. There is no central authority that collects a fee or authorizes its use. It is a grass-roots concept that is spread by word-of-mouth, and support is primarily through peers.

The American Heart Association has identified a 5 step survival cycle and the most critical step is the bystander/witness involvement. Studies have shown that those minutes between calling 911 and emergency personnel arriving are critical. Knowing how to utilize CPR/AEDs (Automated External Defibrillator) immediately will determine the survival rate for each individual.

The City of East Bethel plans to promote a HEARTSafe Community by the following activities:

- Public Education and Awareness
- AED implementation

Public Education will be focused on the following topics:

- SCA Awareness (Sudden Cardiac Arrest)
- Good Samaritan laws
- Bystander CPR and AED use
- Where to find AED's in our community

AED Implementation will consist of the following:

- Work with local businesses, churches, and other public areas to install AED's
- Track Existing AED's, register and verify working condition

Here are some statistics on SCA (Sudden Cardiac Arrest):

Sudden Cardiac Arrest

- #1 Killer in America
- #1 Killer in the workplace
- 65% Occur in the home
- 95% Mortality Rate
- 1,000 Americans die a day
- 97% Die while awaiting 911/EMS
- Lay rescuer AED/CPR in first 2 min. = 85% survival rate

Troy Lachinski of the East Bethel Fire Department provided training to all members of the Commission on basic CPR and AED use.

Park Dedication Fees

The Planning Commission upon direction from City Council reviewed the City's Ordinance establishing Park Dedication Fees at their July 28, 2015 meeting. The Planning Commission discussed the City's Fees in relation to those of neighboring Cities and the proportionality issue of larger platted divisions of land as compared to Metes and Bounds Lot Splits.

Our Current Residential Park Dedication Fee is:

Up to 6 units/acre: 10% of land or cash = to market value of land;

6 or more units/acre: 10% of land = 1% for each unit over 6 units per acre or cash = to market value of land.

In no event shall the cash in lieu of land payment exceed \$6,000.00 per residential unit.

Residential Park Dedication Fees for neighboring Cities are as follows:

Cambridge	Oak Grove	St. Francis	Isanti	Columbus	Ham Lake
\$1,600/lot	\$2,000/lot	\$2,500/lot	\$1,500/lot	\$1,525/lot	\$2,500/lot*

*Ham Lake does utilize percentages of land value, but their maximum costs are \$2,500/lot

The Planning Commission recommended City Council consider amending Article VII, Section 66-195 to include the changes as indicated in Attachment 2, reduction of the not to exceed fee for residential park dedication from \$6,000 to \$2,000 per lot, exempt one habitable homestead per subdivision (if applicable) from the dedication fees and reduce the park dedication for commercial/industrial not to exceed fee from \$4,500 to \$2,000 per acre.

At the August 5th City Council Meeting, the City Council voted to update the fee schedule for park dedication as recommended by the Planning Commission.

Council Report Staff and the Parks Commission will continue discussions on the future direction of the City’s Parks and projects with the City Council liaison Tim Harrington. The purpose of this discussion will be to formulate goals and objectives for the park development program and to update the commission on issues currently before the City Council.

Mr Harrington stated that he had not attended the last meeting but he thanked everyone who participated in and assisted with Booster Days. He reported that about a year ago the City, along with the MNDNR and Anoka County had applied for a \$1,000,000 grant from the MPCA for the Sand Hill Crane Area but the state (MPCA) has allocated the funds elsewhere. They plan to set up a meeting with the DNR and Anoka County to try to come up with a plan.

Other Business Mr Ayshford asked the members how they felt about the meeting at Cedar Creek and received a very positive response. He also noted that the residents of the Deer Haven Development have adopted Deer Haven Park and have already fixed the basketball hoop on their own. They will be donating the remaining \$869 left in the fund they had gathered to make improvements to the park in their neighborhood to the City to be used for further improvements. The City has started mowing the entire park again as well.

Adjournment Ms Harvey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Ms Voelker seconded the motion; all in favor, motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by:

Susan Lori Irons
Recording Secretary