

EAST BETHEL PARK COMMISSION MEETING

March 9, 2016

The commission met at 6:30 pm at the East Bethel City Hall for the regular monthly meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kenneth Langmade, Chair Bill Zimmerman Stacy Voelker
Sue Jefferson Denise Lachinski

ABSENT: Bonnie Harvey Tim Hoffman

ALSO PRESENT: Nate Ayshford, Public Works Manager
Tom Ronning, City Council Liaison

2.0 Adopt **Mr. Zimmerman moved and Ms. Lachinski seconded to approve the agenda**
Agenda **as presented.**

3.0 Approve **Ms. Lachinski moved and Ms. Jefferson seconded to approve the minutes as**
2/10/16 **written. Motion carried.**
Minutes

4.0 Park Mr. Ayshford reported a Park Acquisition and Development Fund balance of
Financial \$30,143.54 and a Park Capital Fund of \$180,125.37.
Information

5.0 2017- The Parks Commission prepares a Capital Improvement Plan annually which
2021 Parks updates projected projects, evaluates priorities and establishes funding for these
Capital works for the coming year and for each of the subsequent years for a five year
Improvement period. This plan is presented to City Council for its approval and use for
Plan preparing the coming year's budget.

Reviewed and discussed the projects listed for 2016 and the draft 2017-2021
Parks CIP.

Grants are applied for when possible.

The scheduled 2016 project is playground equipment at Rod and Norma Smith
Park, with a budgeted amount of \$35,000. Mr. Ayshford will bring equipment
quotes to the next meeting.

In 2017, a baseball field at Booster West Park is scheduled. Mr. Ayshford stated
it would be ideal to get partners to help with future park projects, i.e. baseball
fields, soccer fields, etc. Possible partners for the baseball field could be
SFYBA, Girls Softball Association, and SBAA. Mr. Ayshford will invite the
various organizations to the April meeting to bolster interest in partnering on the
ballfield project.

Scheduled for 2018 is playground equipment at Booster East and Bonde Park
soccer/lacrosse fields and irrigation. North Metro Soccer was suggested as a
possible partner on soccer fields.

Scheduled for 2019 and 2021 is playground equipment for both Anderson Park and Eveleth Park, respectively. Mr. Ayshford noted that the playground equipment at both parks is old style equipment that could easily be replaced by City staff; the Commission just needs to decide on what equipment to install.

Scheduled in 2020 is skateboard equipment at Maynard Peterson.

Mr. Ayshford noted a few possible future developments that could generate park dedication fees, with one development most likely being asked for trail easement rights in addition to dedication fees.

If the Commission wants to move forward with trails, it needs to send a proposal to City Council with the recommendation of what segment(s) it wishes to be installed and why, and include the approximate cost of the trail. It was asked if the income received from both telephone towers could be dedicated to the Park Capital Fund; that income goes directly into the City general fund. Mr. Ayshford noted that currently blacktop costs are very low.

Talked about connecting Norseland Manor trail to future development near Viking Blvd and Highway 65. A trail easement will come from Anoka County. Also, a bridge will be needed to cross the creek. Discussed the Cedar Creek Park/Fish Lake trail additions and the request by residents to have a trail installed along the large park located in the Meadows of Fish Lake. Another trail idea discussed is to connect the trail loop at Fish Lake.

Ms. Jefferson asked if some unused parks could be left unmaintained in order to put money toward trails. Mr. Ayshford suggested requesting money from new developments for trail costs. The best way is to have the developer install the trail. The current city ordinance requires all new developments to include trails/sidewalks on one side of the street.

Mr. Ayshford will check if park dedication fees can be requested if the CST business moves to East Bethel.

Final drafts of the Capital Improvement Plan will be provided for the April or May meeting.

6.0 Council
Report and
Other
Business

Mr. Ronning reported:

An IUP for William Thompson was requested then withdrawn.
Two John Deere pieces of equipment will be replaced.
April 23 will be Arbor Day at Booster Park.
Building variance at 19303 E. Front Blvd. was granted.
Preliminary Plat for Sauter 2nd Addition was approved.
EDA request to vend at MnCAR was approved.
CST business relocation to East Bethel is still in process.

Mr. Ayshford reported:

Town Hall Meeting is scheduled for April 19 at 6:00 pm.
There is no new information on the Superstreet study by MnDOT.

It was asked if flowers could be planted around pavilions and park buildings. Mr. Ayshford stated there are shrubs around the buildings, however, groups are always welcome to plant and maintain perennials.

7.0 Adjourn **Mr. Langmade moved and Ms. Lachinski seconded to adjourn at 7:30 pm. Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Gessner, Recording Secretary
Submitted 3/10/16