

EAST BETHEL PARK COMMISSION MEETING  
April 11, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kenneth Langmade, Chair    Bill Zimmermann    Bonnie Harvey  
                                 Stacy Voelker                   Sue Jefferson         Denise Lachinski

ABSENT: Tim Hoffman

ALSO PRESENT: Nate Ayshford, Public Works Manager  
                         Brian Mundle, City Council Liaison

1. Call to Order             Chair Langmade called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
2. Adopt Agenda           **Mr. Zimmermann moved and Ms. Voelker seconded to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried.**
3. Approve Minutes       **Mr. Zimmermann moved and Ms. Harvey seconded to approve the March 14, 2018 minutes as written. Motion carried.**
4. Park Financial Information      Mr. Ayshford reviewed:  
                                 Park Capital Funds Summary – has not changed since March report.  
                                 Park Operations Fund – With the predicted storm, there may be additional overtime due to snowplowing.
5. 2019-2023 Parks Capital Improvement Planning      Mr. Ayshford took the comments from the March meeting and drafted a proposed 2019-23 CIP. Both the Park Acquisition and Development Fund, and the Park Capital Fund were reviewed.  
  
                                 Park Acquisition and Develop Fund most likely will have funds added from park development fees acquired from both the apartment complex development and Viking Preserve development. Some of this money may be used to put in a trail system that is a part of the apartment complex development project.  
  
                                 There is talk of improving the trail from Fish Lake to the Cedar Creek Ecosystem and Scientific Reserve (CCESR) to where a viewing platform is to be built for the public to use when viewing the bison.  
  
                                 2019  
                                 There are no projects listed.  
  
                                 2020  
                                 Pavilion at Norseland Manor Park  
                                 There was discussion on the dog park, but no decision was confirmed.  
  
                                 2021  
                                 Fence and irrigation at Norseland Manor Park.

2022

Oak Brook Trail segment

The hold back on this trail segment is having to cross Anoka County ditches. Mr. Ayshford said it is a matter of having the city engineer submit a culvert design for approval by Anoka County and then budgeting money for it. Requests have been received for playground equipment by Oak Brook Park located off 209<sup>th</sup> and Wild Rice Drive. This is a newer neighborhood with young children.

2023

New Park/Trail development

Park Capital Fund

The Park Capital Fund budget is written with an ongoing \$5,000 annual increase that comes from the City General Fund.

2019

Playground Equipment Eveleth Park

Playground Equipment Carlisle Park

Miscellaneous Park Projects and Tree Planting

Mr. Ayshford asked the commissioners if they wanted to keep the Norseland Park/Jackson St. Trail connection in 2019 or wait a year until the Viking Preserve development is started. He did confirm that if the 2019-2023 budget is approved and 2019 funds are not used, the balance will be carried over to 2020. It was suggested moving up the Fish Lake trail segment to 2019 and moving the Norseland Park/Jackson St. Trail connection to a later year. Even with extending the Prairie Ridge Trail south to 226<sup>th</sup> Ave. the trail will not get people to Fish Lake until the Cedar Creek trail is done. Cedar Creek has not been approached about this since 2012/2013. Mr. Ayshford hopes to have more information on the Cedar Creek trail at the next meeting. The City will have to work with Anoka County to get easements or right of development.

Most of East Bethel's parks are used by organized team sports. Seven different tennis courts are used; there have been no requests for more. Of the 18 parks in the city, only 10 are considered developed parks. There has been talk of possibly leaving some unused parks alone to return to their natural states. There have been no requests for pickle ball courts, but there have been requests for striping on the existing courts.

2020

Booster West Trail Segment

Miscellaneous Park Projects and Tree Planting

2021

Booster West Playground Equipment

Miscellaneous Park Projects and Tree Planting

Booster Park upgrade costs of approximately \$125,000 will come out of the Park Capital Budget. These costs do not include resurfacing the basketball courts. No decision has been

made on baseball field advertising. Ms. Lachinski said it would be ideal to have trees planted near the baseball fields at Booster West and Booster East.

2022

Booster West Ballfield Lights (LED)  
Miscellaneous Park Projects and Tree Planting

2023

Skateboard Equipment Booster West  
John Anderson Trail Segment  
Miscellaneous Park Projects and Tree Planting

The ice arena upkeep costs come out of the Ice Arena Enterprise Fund. Turf in there now is being used for lacrosse games. The turf will be removed at the end of April as there will be no need to keep the turf in longer. Arena fees range anywhere from \$40-60/hour. Two annual events are held at the area 1) gun show and 2) East Bethel Royalty. Because there is no air conditioning, the building gets very hot in the summer.

Park benches are placed/installed when there is a request for them.

A donation was received for a Cemetery Sign.

Deer Haven Park needs a bench and upgrade to the basketball courts.

**Mr. Zimmermann moved and Ms. Jefferson seconded to recommend to City Council approval of the 2019-2023 Parks Capital Improvement Plan as presented. Motion carried.**

6. Council  
Report and  
Other  
Business

City Council Liaison Brian Mundle reported:

- East trunk Hwy 65 service road project
  - Plan and specs have been approved and it is authorized to be put out for bid.
  - Work starts in 2018 with completion by yearend.
- 2017 City Audit
  - Came back clean with no issues.
- Council has approved a new system to be installed. Cost \$4,520.
  - There will be six cameras and a storage device.
  - The cameras will cover all of the parking lot and various areas in city hall and the senior center.
  - This system can be expanded in the future, but not to a different building.
- Website Committee
  - Is being formed to do a five-year review of the city website.
  - If interested, contact City Hall.

#### Upcoming Events

- April 17 – Spring Town Hall Meeting at 6:00 pm in the senior center, then at 7:00 pm meet in Council Chambers for a Q & A, then back to the senior center for refreshments.
- April 25 - Council work meeting at 7:00 pm. The Parks CIP may be discussed.

- April 28 – Spring Recycle Day 8-noon at East Bethel Ice Arena.
- April 28 - Arbor Day in East Bethel 10 am planting trees at Booster Park East.

Mr. Ayshford mentioned that the University of Minnesota will do a presentation on the bison project at the May Park Commission meeting; 105 residents around CCESR have been invited to attend.

**Ms. Jefferson moved and Ms. Voelker seconded to adjourn at 7:26 pm. Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Gessner, Recording Secretary  
Submitted 4/15/18