

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 18, 2018  
COMMUNITY AUDITORIUM CONFERENCE ROOM  
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**1) ROLL CALL:**

- a) Commissioners – Ralph Brown, Kenneth Cobleigh, McKenzie Johnston Carey, Howard Sullivan, Susan Taylor, Glenn VanBlarcom and Paul Waterstreet. Absent: Brad Bafaro and Jeremiah Toews.
- b) Council Liaison – Malynda Wenzl
- c) Staff – Matt Baum and Tom Gamble

**2) CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS: None**

**3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the June 20, 2018 meeting were approved.**

**4) ADDITION/DELETIONS: None**

**5) OLD BUSINESS:**

**a) Rogers Park Update**

**i) Restroom Project (Fall 2018)**

- 1. Working on the final design with the construction documents being completed in the next few weeks and then they will go out for bid.
- 2. We are planning on a fall build.
- 3. This phase of the project will include electrical upgrades, water, sewer, parking lot fixes to make it ADA compatible, a new pathway from the shelter to the bathroom, teenage/adult changing table in the restroom and automatic door locks.

**ii) Anna/Abby Yard Project (Summer 2019) – Harpers Playground**

- 1. The non-profit organization, Harpers Playground, is partnering with the City on the new playground at Rogers.
- 2. Harpers Playground builds radically inclusive playgrounds.
- 3. They have committed to raising \$350,000 to \$500,000 to go towards the project, which will cost about \$1.2 million to complete. \$155,000 will come from the Anna/Abby Foundation.
- 4. A press release will go out next week to introduce the partnership with the City and Harpers Playground.

**iii) Rogers Park Tennis Court**

- 1. The tennis court will remain, but will possible share space with a pickle ball court.
- 2. The futsal court will be built at Tom McCall in the old tennis court location. This project will start in the next couple of weeks, at no cost to the school district.

**iv) Fernhill Restroom**

- 1. There have been 23 projects in the last 18 months, so it's hard to know where the interruption in the sewer line occurred.
- 2. The pumps are working and 500feet of the line has been bored to clear it.

**6) NEW BUSINESS:**

**a) Aquatic Center Needs Study Elements**

- i) The Aquatic Center was renovated in 1997, so it is now time to study where we are with a water needs analysis.

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- ii) What should be included in the RFP?
    - 1. For example: parking, water space, programming, a Masters Program, etc.
  - b) Metro Trail Counts Project**
    - i) These counts help rationalize and prioritize where money can be spent.
- 7) **COMMISSIONER’S REPORTS:**
- a) Paul:**
    - i) Joseph Gale ball fields have gotten lots of use this summer, much more than in past years.
    - ii) A bicycle group is out every 6 weeks and uses Joseph Gale as their meeting place.
  - b) Ralph:**
    - i) The road around Hagg Lake is now open.
    - ii) Senior Center happenings: They have sold the old kitchen equipment and ReAnn is retiring September 28.
- 8) **COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT:**
- a) Malynda:**
    - i) The filling period for the 3 open City Council positions and Mayor goes till the end of August.
    - ii) August 13 Council meeting addressed the issue of affordable housing and density. It was proposed that there be 20 units per acre or 30 units per acre if 20% are affordable housing.
    - iii) The Nyuzen delegation visited the first week of July. There was a banquet at Pacific that went well.
    - iv) Upcoming events include Concours and Cruise In The Grove.
    - v) A new director for the Senior Center has been hired to replace ReAnn.
    - vi) Trying to get more students involved in the Youth Advisory Council.
- 9) **STAFF REPORTS:**
- a) Tom:**
    - i) T.T.M. has donated \$4000 to our parks. This will be used for Thatcher Park improvements including equipment, a bench and an interactive musical feature.
- 10) **ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be Wednesday, August 22 at 7:00 a.m.
- 11) **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 a.m.