

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF CROSSLAKE
MONDAY, MAY 21, 2018
5:30 P.M. – CITY HALL

The Council for the City of Crosslake met in a Special Session on May 21, 2018. The following Council Members were present: Mayor Patty Norgaard, Gary Heacox, Dave Schrupp, and Dave Nevin. Brad Nelson was absent. Also present were City Administrator/Treasurer Mike Lyonais, City Clerk Char Nelson, Park Director Jon Henke, Public Works Director Ted Strand, Police Chief Erik Lee, and Northland Press Reporter Bill Monroe. There were approximately twenty people in the audience.

Mayor Norgaard called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. MOTION 05S1-01-18 WAS MADE BY DAVE SCHRUPP AND SECONDED BY DAVE NEVIN TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF PARK DIRECTOR JON HENKE EFFECTIVE MAY 31, 2018 AND APPROVE THE PUBLICATION OF AD FOR EMPLOYMENT. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES. Mike Lyonais reported that applications will be taken until the middle of June and that a new director could be in place by July. Current staff will fill in as needed.

Jon Henke presented a staff report regarding the potential site for a dog park at the newly acquired land at 13950 Daggett Pine Road. Included in the report was the Future Park Plan developed in 2009 and a map showing the distance to the nearby homes from the possible site of a dog park. Mr. Henke stated that the Dog Park Committee was created in response to a suggestion from the MN Design Team and has been working to find a site for a dog park for a year and a half. The Committee researched many other parks and is working on rules and regulations. Jon Henke added that dog parks are normally quiet and officials from Brainerd and Pequot Lakes have reported no issues at their parks.

Frank Cserpes of 15415 Daggett Pine Road addressed the Council and stated that he is concerned about people trespassing onto his property to the north. Jon Henke replied that the park would mark the boundaries with signs.

Gary Nordstrom of 37752 Egret Road addressed the Council to state his and neighbor's concerns regarding the location of the potential park in relation to their homes on Egret Road. Mr. Nordstrom stated that he and his wife have been to many dog parks and that over half of the existing parks have problems cleanliness, fighting and noise. Mr. Nordstrom suggested that the City create an interpretive walking trail on the newly acquired land.

Pam Graves, Peter Graves, and Michael O'Connell, members of the Dog Park Committee, informed the Council that the committee has been preparing a plan for two years, has conducted many site visits, has researched the best practices regarding safety and maintenance and potential drawbacks. The park would be self-monitored. Key fobs could be issued to users so that the City knows who is coming when. Gary Heacox asked if owners needed to be present. Owners would be required to be present, have the dog in their control and may need to be of certain age. The fence would be rounded in the corners so that dogs could not be trapped by others. A park would be good for campers and visitors. They have listened to the nearby residents, answered their

questions, and want to work with them in the development of the park. The park will be built with donations, no City funds.

Marty Hayford of 36400 Butternut Point Road and Jo Smith of 34491 Park Drive spoke in favor of the park and its location. Gary Nordstrom replied that none of the people who are in favor of a dog park live near the potential site.

Dave Nevin stated that he thinks it is a good location but that he doesn't live nearby. Dave Schrupp suggested adding trees and fencing to deter people from wandering to the neighboring properties and installing a security camera. Gary Heacox stated that this was a good spot for the park.

MOTION 05S1-02-18 WAS MADE BY DAVE NEVIN AND SECONDED BY GARY HEACOX TO APPROVE THE LOCATION OF THE DOG PARK ON THE NEWLY ACQUIRED LAND AT 13950 DAGGETT PINE ROAD WITH THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS: FENCE MUST BE AT LEAST 5 FEET HIGH, NO DEVELOPMENT TO THE WEST OF THE SITE, ADD TREES AND INSTALL SECURITY CAMERA. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

There being no further business at 6:34 P.M., Mayor Norgaard adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,



Charlene Nelson
City Clerk