

**Parks, Recreation/Library Commission Minutes**  
**Wednesday, July 22, 2020**  
**2:00 PM Meeting at City Hall**

**Members Present:** Mic Tchida, Darrell Shannon, Joe Albrecht, Sandy Melberg, Ann Schrupp, Liaison, John Andrews and Parks and Recreation Director, TJ Graumann.

Guests: John Forney and Brian Evenson

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm.

II. Approve May Minutes

**Motion to approve June Minutes. Albrecht/Schrupp Favor: All**

III. Request to Improve ROW

John Forney (11797 Whitefish Ave) and Brian Evenson (11805 Whitefish Ave) approached the Commission with a request to improve a 20 X 430 foot City ROW located between their properties. Mr. Forney explained that the ROW has been used as a driveway for both adjoining properties since sometime prior to 1990. Mr. Forney continued by explaining that a significant portion of the steep section has been eroded by runoff. Both owners talked with Crosslake Planning and Zoning Administrator, Jon Kolstad, in the summer of 2018. Mr. Kolstad advised the owners to contact Crow Wing County Soil & Water District to acquire their input to alleviate the runoff issues. Based on what was recommended by CWC Soil & Water, the owners asked for approval to start managing the runoff. After looking at pictures showing the management plan followed by some discussion, the following motion was made.

**Motion to approve their request as presented. Albrecht/Melberg Favor: All**

IV. South Bay Park

TJ gave a brief update on the management plan for the park. He is gathering information and putting together a detailed budget for “phase I” of the park property.

V. Court Facilities Update

TJ informed the Commission that the courts are completed. A ribbon cutting ceremony was held on July 1<sup>st</sup> – TJ invited lead representatives from groups and organizations who played a big role in the completion of the project.

VI. Program Updates

- a. Youth Baseball – TJ reported that Youth Baseball has been cancelled for the 2020 season. Between low registration numbers and COVID-19 restrictions staff had to make the tough decision to cancel.
- b. Youth Tennis – TJ reported that the first session of the Summer Youth Tennis program is underway. The second session starts on July 27.
- c. Pickleball – TJ gave an update on pickleball numbers and scheduling. The courts have been busy since the day they opened. TJ also mentioned that silicone wristbands will be ordered and be given to players that have purchased the annual membership which will help staff and other players keep track of who has paid – day pass players will receive a stamp on their hand. Anne Schrupp stated that as we move into the fall and the days get shorter it would be nice to use the existing lights for pickleball. Mrs. Schrupp noted that it may be possible to install a coin machine to activate the lights for a period of time.

VII. Silver Sneakers

TJ reported that a plan has been developed to safely provide Silver Sneakers classes. Starting August 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Community Center will reintroduce classes Monday through Friday. The plan includes the following: reservations only, must bring your own yoga mat and follow social distancing guidelines.

VIII. Open Forum

- a. John Andrews informed the Commission that he has been appointed to fill the Park/Library Liaison spot.
- b. Joe Albrecht suggested the Commission consider a student member be an addition to the Commission through a selection process, with approval by Council. Students would be invited to apply for such a position. TJ added that this may be beneficial as it would add a different perspective to discussions and decision making. After some discussion it was decided to further look into this idea.

IX. Adjourn

**Motion to Adjourn. Melberg/Shannon Favor: All**