

**Crosslake Parks, Recreation and Library Commission**  
**September 23, 2020**  
**Crosslake City Hall 2:00 pm**

Members Present: Chair Mick Tchida, Joe Albrecht, Ann Schrupp, Darrell Shannon, Community Center/Library Manager Jane Monson, Parks and Recreation Director TJ Graumann, and Council Liaison John Andrews

Guests: Peter Graves, Pam Graves, and Patty Norgaard

I. Meeting Called to order at 2:18 pm

II. Approval of July Minutes

**Motion to Approve July 22, 2020 Minutes as written: Schrupp/Shannon Favor: All**

III. Pickleball Fee Schedule Discussion

Peter and Pam Graves presented information to the Commission of other community's fee schedule for their Pickleball programs. The Graves', representing the Pickleball league players, are requesting a reduction in the program fees for 2021. They suggested a summer rate for those players in the area for only 3 months, or a fee comparable to the fees paid by the tennis program. Discussion ensued.

IV. South Bay Park

TJ recommended a sub-committee be formed to complete the South Bay Park Management Plan by year end 2020. Joe, Ann and John agreed to serve as this committee.

A letter was read by Chair Mick submitted by the PAL Foundation in which the Foundation stated it is recommending a boat dock be added to the Management Plan. Citizen Patty Norgaard asked to address the Commission on this issue. She stated her understanding of the plan is for a slow, gradual process into the area being used as a park. There should be minimal interference to people living near the area on both sides of the lake. She also believes that green space is critical for preserving the environment and preserving our way of life. The consensus of the Commission was having a boat dock included in the plan would increase liability and make management of the area after hours difficult.

V. Bolton Sub-Division

After review, TJ stated the City would have no use for land at that location and he recommended to the Commission to accept cash in lieu of land for the Bolton Subdivision request.

**Motion: To accept cash in lieu of land for the Bolton Subdivision request.**  
**Albrecht/Shannon Favor: All**

VI. ROW Vacation Request

Following the precedence of past decisions for ROW vacation requests, the following motion was made;

**Motion: To reject ROW Vacation request for the property at 11826 Lake Trail.**  
**Shannon/Schrupp Favor: All**

#### VII. Youth Soccer Program

TJ reported to the Commission there is one 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grade soccer team with 14 players participating in the Youth Soccer Program this year. Due to the pandemic, it is mainly an in-house program with a couple of possible scrimmages with Nisswa.

#### VIII. Irrigation Project

TJ explained where the irrigation expansion will be placed. It will cover areas from the pickleball courts north and east from the playground area to the community center towards the parking lot. These zones have no coverage at this time.

#### IX. Community Center Update

The Community Center user numbers have remained fairly low, with the same weight room users coming in most days. The Center is struggling with limited staff to return to normal hours of operation. TJ would like to return to a more normal hours of operation schedule to provide opportunities for working citizens to participate in programs and services. SilverSneaker classes are doing well numbers wise; also, some classes and private groups have begun meeting again.

#### X. Library Update

The Library is open by appointment Tuesday and Thursday for browsing. The Curbside Program will continue to operate on Monday's and Wednesday's for those patrons unavailable for in-person visits. There will be no library service on Fridays until further notice.

#### XI. Open Forum

A) TJ updated the Commission on the plans for the upcoming Crosslake Days Pickleball Tournament. Sixteen teams have registered for the Open/Competitive division and 10 teams are registered for the Recreation division. The tournament is scheduled for Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>.

B) A discussion of the need for additional public restrooms on the chain of lakes was held. The idea to inquire about the possibility of adding satellites or additional satellites at each of the boat landings on the chain was introduced. It was hoped a joint program between the DNR and the Parks and Recreation Department could be established in order to provide funding for this idea, and that other townships and/or communities along the chain would also commit to this funding.

**Motion: To appoint Chair Mick Tchida to contact the DNR to inquire about adding a satellite or additional satellite toilets at boat landings on the chain on the Commissions behalf.**

**Albrecht/Schrupp Favor: All**

C) Council Member Andrews suggested to the Commission the idea of the property behind Andy's restaurant being more suitable for a park than a parking lot. Discussion ensued.

#### XII. Adjourn

**Motion to Adjourn: Shannon/Schrupp Favor: All**