

Crosslake Park, Recreation, and Library Commission Minutes

Wednesday March 22, 2023

Crosslake Community Center 2:00pm

Present: Chair Joe Albrecht, Heather Jones, Kera Porter, Peter Graves, Parks and Recreation Director TJ Graumann, Parks and Recreation Manager Jane Monson

- I. Meeting was called to order at 2:00pm
- II. Approval of Agenda
Motion to approve agenda
Peter/Kera Favor: All Opposed: None
- III. Approval of minutes
Motion to approve minutes of March 1, 2023 meeting as written.
Peter/Kera Favor: All Opposed: None
- IV. Old Business
 - A) Community Center Sign – TJ spoke with P&Z and city staff regarding our approach to changing the sign ordinance. It was discussed that asking for a variance to the sign ordinance would be a better option than trying to change the ordinance. There was discussion and agreement that this is how we should proceed.
Motion to apply for a variance to the sign ordinance to allow for the new community center sign.
Peter/Kera Favor: All Opposed: None
 - B) Comprehensive Plan, EDA suggestions, Open House – TJ made some changes to the current comp plan (in red on the copy handed out at meeting), the edits were to update changes that have been made to the parks and library and programs since the comp plan was done. The EDA has a new format for updating the plan. We will continue discussions on this plan as we work toward finalizing the plan after the open house.
 - C) ROW Inventory – Joe, Peter, Kera, and Heather all volunteered to be a part of this group. We will set up site visits this spring, after the snow melts, before foliage gets too thick.
 - D) Rink Committee Update –The rink committee did not take our previous recommendation and continue to discuss an arena. There seems to be two separate goals, one for the community and one for the hockey association. TJ showed us photos of the new rinks and warming house at Memorial Park in Brainerd. They use the concrete bases for pickleball and basketball in the summer. The contract with WSB was for \$1,013,377. It is used at times by the youth hockey association for practice and

games. They also do pond hockey and learn to skate. TJ also showed us a picture from another city of a skating ribbon, this was discussed, and all liked the idea of a ribbon for the recreational rink, it could be used as a walking trail in the summer.

Motion that based on the findings of the ice rink committee and the study of surrounding area rink facilities, the commission recommends pursuing a full-size community focused hockey rink, recreational skating surface, and a multi-use warming house, to stay in line with the parks and recreation comprehensive plan.
Heather/Kera Favor: All Opposed: None

V. New Business

- A) We discussed an application to the commission as an alternate. The applicant, Mary, is a pickleball player and frequent user of the Community Center.

Motion to approve passing the application to City Council as an alternate to the commission.
Peter/Kera Favor: All Opposed: None

VI. Other Business

- A) Staff Report

- i. Pine River Overlook Park – \$6,000-8,000 raised so far. TJ is working with the county to get signage for the park on County Rd 3. Dock will arrive when the remainder of the funding is available.
- ii. Pickleball Tournament – Will be at the end of July, no exact date set as of now. More details to follow.
- iii. South Bay Park Update – TJ is working with new people at the Corps, Jason and Dan. The archeological survey is scheduled for when the snow melts.

- B) Comments from commission – Jane gave a library update. There are preliminary plans for a summer reading program. She is working on getting story time back on the schedule. She plans to have a display for the Pine River Overlook Park. There were not enough registrations for ECFE this spring. Peter spoke about the Lions Club vision screenings and that they would like to piggyback on events with the community center.

VII. Open Forum – None

VIII. Adjourn at 3:20PM

Motion to adjourn
Kera/Heather Favor: All Opposed: None