

Crosslake Parks, Recreation and Library Commission

January 5, 2021

Crosslake City Hall 2:00 pm

Rescheduled from December 23 to January 5.

Members Present: Chair Mic Tchida, Joe Albrecht, Darrell Shannon, Sandy Melberg (Zoom),
Parks and Recreation Director TJ Graumann and Council Liaison John Andrews

Guests in Attendance: Mark Wessels and Kathy Keeling (Zoom)

I. Meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm

II. Approval of Minutes

Motion to Approve Minutes from October 28 as written.

Shannon/Albrecht Favor: All

III. ROW Ordinance Change

TJ provided background information on the proposed changes to the City ordinance pertaining to ROW accesses that terminate at the water. During the December Council meeting, City Council directed staff to revise the ordinance and have the Public Works Commission and the Parks/Library Commission. John Andrews added that the City Attorney, Brad Person, mentioned at the December Council meeting that the current ordinance is incompatible with current state regulations.

Mark Wessels spoke at length about his past involvement with Public ROW's while he sat on the Park/Library Commission as the Council Liaison. Mr. Wessels advocated that it would be a mistake to approve the proposed changes to the City ordinance. Additionally, Mr. Wessels added that it would be of great benefit to the City to survey all of the Public ROW's.

Joe Albrecht mentioned that one of the concerns of accepting the proposed change is that there may be other solutions that are available for specific cases.

Darrell Shannon and Sandy Melberg made it clear that they don't support vacating any ROW's that terminate at the water, but are willing to listen to applicants. Mr. Shannon continued by asking the board what the county states in their ordinance regarding ROW's – nobody was able to answer.

Mr. Andrews provided more information from the December Council meeting. Attorney, Brad Person, said that the current City Council can't make decisions for future City Councils and that you can't stop people who want to apply for a vacation.

Motion: To not approve the modifications as submitted and would like to see a final version of the ordinance before a recommendation is made. Shannon/Albrecht Favor: All

IV. Miller Subdivision

On TJ's recommendation, the following motion was entertained:

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

V. South Bay Park

TJ presented changes that were made to the draft Master Plan, including a repositioned proposed parking lot, addition of a proposed restroom facility and moved the blown-up portion to a separate page which provides more room for detail. TJ reminded the Commission that this version of the Master Plan won't be presented to the public – rather this plan is intended to be presented to the Corp of Engineers and to be used for the Phase I Archaeological Survey.

VI. Facility Update

TJ informed the Commission that the Weight Room, Fitness Room, and Gym were allowed to reopen on Saturday, December 19. Social distance has been increased to 12 feet and masks are now mandatory in all three areas. The Library was allowed to stay open and has proven to be popular during these times.

VII. Winter Recreation

TJ informed the Commission that after receiving a sufficient amount of snow, staff was able to groom the Ski Trail and Sledding Hill. Grooming commenced on December 30 and was completed the morning of December 31. The Hockey Rink and Warming House officially opened on December 31. The pond (located NW of the rink) is cleared for open skating.

VIII. 2021 Outlook

TJ listed projects that will be completed in 2021 which included irrigation expansion/maintenance, replace two HVAC units, replace surveillance cameras, replace tractor and extend natural gas to the garden garage and the maintenance shop. Mic Tchida asked TJ if it is in the plan to renovate the Community Center sign off of County Road 66. TJ noted that it is not in the budget to replace the sign but there may be some opportunities to fund a new sign from a different source. It was agreed that something needs to be done this year.

IX. Open Forum

No items presented.

X. Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn Shannon/Melberg Favor: All