

**Wednesday, February 15, 2023  
Recreation & Parks Advisory Commission  
Minutes**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL - The Recreation & Parks Advisory Commission meeting was held at the Community Activity Center and was called to order by Chairperson Nolen at 6:00 P.M.**

**Commission Members present:**

Mark Nolen, At-large (Chair)  
Dwain Erickson, West (Vice Chair)  
Maggie Borer, At-large  
Latrina Caldwell, At-large  
Joe Gomez, At-large  
Christy Sandberg,  
Kellina Quigley, At-large

Councilmember XP Lee

**Commission Members absent:**

Monica Dillenburg, Central  
Johnny Hoang, At-large  
Deborah Lande, Central  
Miriam Osammor, East  
James Turnham, City Planning Liaison

**Brooklyn Park Staff present:**

Brad Tullberg, Director of Recreation and Parks  
Greg Hoag, Parks and Buildings Manager, Operations and Maintenance  
Pam McBride, Manager Youth Services

- 2. OPEN FORUM-PUBLIC COMMENT AND RESPONSE  
NA**

- 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**A Motion was made to Approve the February 15, 2023 agenda by Commissioner Erickson and second by, Commissioner Quigley.  
Motion unanimously approved.**

- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A Motion was made to Approve the January 18, 2023 minutes by Commissioner Erickson and second by, Commissioner Caldwell.  
Commissioner Sandberg abstained. Motion approved.**

- 5. ACTION ITEMS  
N/A**

- 6. GENERAL INFORMATION - PRESENTATIONS**

Director Tullberg introduced Pam McBride, Manager of the Youth Services Division. Manager McBride gave an overview presentation on the work conducted in 2022 and a look forward to 2023.

(PowerPoint presentation is attached.) Highlights included:

- Staff updates
- Youth Services Framework Assessment
- Youth Services Division programming for ages up through 24
- Re-Imagining Public Safety

- Partnership between the Brooklyn Park Police Department and the Youth Services Division
- Brooklyn Park Youth Outreach Team

#### Comments and Questions

- Commissioner Gomez asked how the basketball camps were structured? Manager McBride stated that it was structured based on skill development with instruction provided by an outside contractor.
- Commissioner Gomez asked how many participants attended the basketball camps? Manager McBride stated that the last one had 52 participants.
- Commissioner Gomez asked if staff was considering putting together a team league? Manager McBride stated the city has a partnership with the BPAA that does have league structure.
- Commissioner Gomez asked if staff was considering any other sports? Manager McBride stated that the city has offered flag football at the dome, in the summer there is soccer camp and also golf camp at Edinburgh.
- Director Tullberg stated that three years ago staff tried to work with Brooklyn Bridge Alliance for Youth to create a program that would encourage young adults to come back and work with younger youth as mentors in sports and host an after school youth sports initiative for those unable to participate in traveling leagues. The focus would be on replacing the middle school sports programs that were eliminated several years back.
- Commissioner Gomez highlighted a wrestling program in Coon Rapids that has been successful engaging high school students to coach K-5 athletes.

## **7. OLD BUSINESS**

7.1 RFCA JANUARY 30, 2023 Authorize Recreation and Parks Director to Enter into Lease Agreement with the State of Minnesota Department of Military Affairs for Shared Use of Brooklyn Park Armory Facilities

**No Comment/Questions**

## **8. WRITTEN REPORTS**

### **1. PROGRAM AND EVENTS UPDATE**

Manager McBride reported that staff have applied for a grant through Bloomberg Philanthropies

### **2. PARK PROJECTS UPDATE**

### **3. 2022 RPAC AREA OF EMPHASIS REPORT**

### **4. DIRECTORS REPORT**

Director Tullberg highlighted the Brooklyn D'Amico report.

- Councilmember Lee asked how much staff was working with the Northwest Tourism. Director Tullberg stated that the group has been reestablished. The manager of D'Amico is working with the group to promote Edinburgh as a venue for weddings, but that the one seat on the NW Tourism board is currently held by Mississippi Gardens.
- Director Tullberg noted the change in venue for the Farmers Market to the North Hennepin Community College parking lot on West Broadway.

## **9. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **1. OPEN FORUM – QUESTION AND ANSWERS**

- Director Tullberg mentioned at the last City Council meeting adding a new position in the city called Violence Prevention Coordinator.

## **10. VERBAL REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **1. CITY COUNCIL UPDATE**

Councilmember Lee stated actions from City Council include:

- Rainbow Tree contract for EAB treatments.
- Approval of the off-street trail on Zane from Brooklyn Blvd to 63<sup>rd</sup> Ave.

- ARP dollars are being reviewed.
- 2. CITY PLANNING COMMISSION UPDATES  
No report
- 3. KEY TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION AT THE NEXT RPAC MEETINGS  
March 15th: Facilities Update by Manager Hill  
April 19<sup>th</sup>: Recreation Programming by Manager Gillard  
May 17th: Tour of Operations and Maintenance by Manager Hoag
- 4. KEY DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS/EVENTS
  - Combined April 6<sup>th</sup> City Council and Commissioner Orientation

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

**A Motion was made by Commissioner Erickson to close the meeting, second by Commissioner Borer.**

**Motion unanimously approved.**

**Adjourned by Chairperson Nolen.**

Submitted respectfully,  
Jeanine Machan  
Secretary