

**PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 11, 2019**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Denise McDowall-Seyko opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Committee Members Present: Denise McDowall-Seyko, Doug Peterson, Shane Fisher, Planning Commission Liaison Scott Marotz and City Council Liaison Dick Backlund. Those Absent: Chrysii Skrypec and Laura Talvitie. Also Present: Public Works Director Michael Goebel, Recreation Coordinator Corrie Scott and City Resident Beverly Anderson.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Committee Member Peterson made a motion to approve the December 10, 2018 Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Committee Member Fisher, unanimous ayes, motion carried.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3A. UPDATE ON SANFORD SELECT PARK

Public Works Director Goebel informed the Committee that the playground equipment for Sanford Select Park will be delivered the week of April 5th. It will take approximately two days to install the equipment if there is enough help. If the Committee wants to rely on volunteers it would take a minimum of 15 volunteers. Public Works Director Goebel did speak with the STS Crew regarding help, he has not heard back at this time. It was suggested that it could be an opportunity for continued education for playground inspectors in surrounding communities. Shane Fisher stated he will check into it.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

4A. COUNCIL APPROVED CHAIR DENISE MCDOWALL-SEYKO APPOINTMENT

The Committee was informed that City Council approved Chair Denise McDowall-Seyko's appointment. No discussion.

5. STAFF UPDATE

Public Works Director Goebel mentioned that there are still two Board Member positions open. Recreation Coordinator Scott mentioned that she has the openings posted on all City media platforms and has also shared the information with ECFE Coalition and Community Education. She will also be providing the information at the Expo.

Recreation Coordinator Scott updated the Committee on the Theatre in the Park series this year and Movie in the Park along with upcoming summer community events. Public Works Director Goebel inquired if Recreation Coordinator Scott needed any help from the Park Board. Recreation Coordinator Scott stated that if any Park Board Member would like to come and help/offer information in regards to the Park Board they are welcome. Recreation Coordinator Scott also stated she is working on updating the parks map that is on line so that it will mark all existing trails and sidewalks to date. Both Chair McDowall-Seiko and Recreation Coordinator Scott participated in the Lake

Clean-Up Day on January 20, 2019. There were approximately two full garbage bags that were filled from both Mitchell and Big Lake and one base from a fish house was removed, with over 15 volunteers participating. The next clean-up day will be held on February 24, 2019.

Committee Member Peterson inquired if we have any results back from the random survey that was conducted by students from St. Thomas University. Recreation Coordinator Scott is checking into this.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Beverly Anderson updated the Parks Advisory Committee on the Big Lake Bicycle Advisory Committee's upcoming events and projects. The Bicycle Committee will have a table at the Farmers Market this year which is held the second Friday of the month. Recreation Coordinator Scott stated that she will be hosting a table at the Expo along with City Staff and she will be handing out pamphlets and talking about all the Community Events that the City hosts. The Committee was also informed about a Bike Rodeo on June 12, 2019. Parks Committee Members were invited to volunteer at the Bike Rodeo if they wanted. A potential Bike/Walk/Roll Event may be planned for the future which would also be a volunteer opportunity for any Park Committee Member. Public Works Director Goebel inquired if Big Lake has a Bike Club. Recreation Coordinator Scott stated that Big Lake does not have a Bike Club but there are some clubs in the surrounding communities. Beverly Anderson also shared her desires for proposed bike routes within the City. Chair McDowall-Seiko thanked Beverly Anderson for her input, time and passion.

7. ADJOURN

Planning Commission Liaison Marotz motioned to adjourn at 7:38 p.m. Seconded by Committee Member Peterson, unanimous ayes, motion carried.