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Birchwood Parks and Natural Resources Committee Meeting City Hall Apr 24, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Members in attendance were: Houstoun Clinch, Bridget Speri, James Nelson, Dave Remely, Ana Vang, & Judy Walker. Absent: Scott Howe

City Council representatives Trilby White and Megan Malvey were present. The Mayor, Mary Wingfield was also present.

Meeting was called to order by Houstoun Clinch.

Draft of the Minutes of the previous 2/27 and 3/27 meetings were reviewed and approved.

Discussion items

A number of residents were present and one by one spoke to expressed their concerns regarding the proposed walkways, specifically the Ash and Birch paths.

All spoke against upgrading the trails owing to privacy, safety, current conditions and view the trails as a detriment to there properties.

John McCormick a resident presented a list of negatives to the trails development and noted that the survey number suggesting trail improvement are a small percentage of the survey responders and those appearing here outnumber those of the survey.

A lengthy discussion was had with committee members, Trilby White, John McCormick with feed back from attending residents.

A motion was made and passed to ask the City Council if we should continue with any action regarding improvements or extensions of the Ash walkway.

Agenda items

Music in the park, a recommendation that The Parks Committee take on Music in the Park was discussed. Alan Mitchell, former major and originator of the event presented details of producing the event and the payment structure to the performers.

The issue of continuing to allow beer and wine at the event was discussed, a motion to suggest to the City Council that it be continued to be allowed was made and passed.

A motion that the Parks Committee take on the responsibility for the event failed.

A motion was made to have the responsibility of continuing the event via an individual appointed by the City Council. Motion passed.

Allan indicated he would continue involvement as an advisor.

Spring Clean up. Ana recommended the cleanup be coordinated with the plant sale.

A motion was made and passed that whatever method is used to mark the pickle ball court, it should not interfere with the ice in the winter.

Specific Park members assigned to a park for compiling ongoing maintenance list;

Wildwood Park: Ana	Ash Easement: Jim
Bloomquist Park: Judy?	Birch Easement: Jim
Tighe-Schmitz: Dave	Elm Easement: Jim
Walking Paths: Jim	Dellwood Easement: Jim
Curt Fisher:	Kay Beach Easement: Jim

Joint meeting with City Council will be at our next meeting May 22nd.

The position of Secretary will be rotated starting next meeting.

Motion made to adjourn an cover other agenda items at next meeting. Passed, meeting adjourned.