

DRAFT

Birchwood Parks and Natural Resources Committee Meeting City Hall Mar 27, 2018 Meeting Minutes

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

City Council representative Trilby White and Planning Commission representative, John Lund, were present.

Meeting was called to order by Houstoun Clinch .

Draft of the Minutes of the previous meeting will be reviewed next meeting

Discussion items

Houstoun presented the addenda for this meeting agreed to at the last meeting.

- 1 John Lund to discuss maintenance
- 2 Survey
- 3 Cleanup
- 4 Birchwood wish list
- 5 Mahtomedi grant
- 6 City Communications

Agenda items

- 1 John Lund informed use of parks maintenance and shared his knowledge regarding maintenance, its budget, trees, trails and deer.
John reported as follows:
 - A Tobin has a maintenance list and there should be available \$18,000.00 for the work.
 - B Suggested that every member of our committee be assigned a park or two and report its needs.
 - C Bloomquist Field need attention early spring and fall. There is a contract for some work, suggest more should be done. Check with Tobin for the list.
 - D John has the hydrant back check valve when City Hydrant water is needed.
 - E Spring is good time to inspect for tree fungus.
 - F Tighe-Schmitz park ice ring need to be kept white, scuppers kept clean.
 - G Walking paths should be 5'-0": wide minimum to allow for maintenance equipment.
 - H John indicated the present maintenance contract is inadequate to address all the issues.
 - J Deer count far exceeds typical. About 35, DNR says 7 would be average.
 - K 2 safe sites available for culling. John would be happy to manage deer culling.

A motion was made by Bridget Speri as follows: In accordance with John Lund's maintenance plan, a maintenance person needs to be hired to perform the work with emphasis on spring work. The person hired is to report back to the Parks Committee Chair.

Ana Vang seconded.

The motion passed.

Agenda topics for the next meeting Apr 24, 7pm, They include:

See Attached.

Other

It was suggested the perhaps John could come back at some date to see how we are doing
A motion was made to adjourn and passed