

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
LITTLE CANADA, MINNESOTA**

February 7, 2019

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof a regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission of the City of Little Canada, Minnesota, was held on the 7th day of February in the Council Chambers of the City Center located at 515 Little Canada Road East in said City.

Acting Chair Ron Horwath called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and the following members of the commission were present:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Anna Abruzzese (arrived 6:50 p.m.)
Ms. Rose Chu
Mr. Ron Horwath
Mr. Tom Ray
Mr. Peter Schletty

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ms. Sharen Darling
Mr. Dave Miller

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Bryce Shearen, Parks and Recreation/
Community Services Manager

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Schletty made a motion to approve the minutes from the January meeting. Ray seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 – 0.

**SPOONER PARK
COMMUNITY
BUILD
SUBCOMMITTEE
UPDATE**

Horwath reported the subcommittee had met twice over the last month. The Community Services Manager stated the subcommittee had received a sample plan for the community build day and the subcommittee was working on logistics for the event. The Community Services Manager stated the subcommittee is considering June 8 for the Community Build at Spooner Park. Horwath explained it may take up to one month after the Community Build before the playground is ready to be used.

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SAP RUN 5K

The Community Services Manager reported the City will be holding a 5K run. He explained the name refers to the Maple leaf in the Little Canada logo, and sap typically runs in the spring. The Community Services Manager said the run will take place in early May, and will be a community event. He explained participants will run around Lake Gervais, and the event will be USATF certified to appeal to runners training for larger events. The Community Services Manager stated Anderson Race Management would be hired to organize and market the event. He stated if anyone wanted to volunteer they should contact him. Schletty asked if a date had been chosen. The Community Services Manager stated it is scheduled for Saturday, May 4.

**SPOONER PARK
SAND
VOLLEYBALL
COURT**

The Community Services Manager reported the City Engineer has been working on an ADA compliant grading plan for the new playground and trail replacement. He explained without moving the sand volleyball court, it will create a steep slope between the trail and the Court. The Community Services Manager stated this could cause difficulty during Canadian Days and general maintenance of the park. He explained staff is recommending the sand volleyball court be removed, and the need of the court be reevaluated. Chu asked how much the sand volleyball court is being used. The Community Services Manager stated that he knows of one group that uses it once per week in the summer. He noted that grass usage for volleyball is much higher in Spooner Park. Chu asked if they could be contacted. The Community Services Manager stated he would attempt to contact that group and notify them of the change and possible alternative locations. It was suggested a volleyball net be placed elsewhere for community use. The Community Services Manager stated a net could be kept at City Hall for usage by the public. Ray asked if a sign for available equipment could be posted at the Spooner Park Pavilion. The Community Services Manager stated a sign is posted during the rental season, and volleyball could be added. Horwath asked when it would be removed if a motion is passed. The Community Services Manager stated it would happen during the spring when the regrading happening. **Horwath made a motion to remove the sand volleyball court. Chu seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.**

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**PROPOSED
CHANGES TO PARK
ORDINANCE**

The Community Services Manager reported staff had reviewed the Control and Management of Parks and Park Facilities Ordinance in the City Code. He stated it was necessary to review the Code due to outdated language, updates to current practices, and items covered by other municipal code or state statute. The Community Services Manager explained staff had reviewed codes from surrounding cities, and these changes reflected the language and ordinances seen in nearby Cities. He said some of the changes included the park hours would be updated to 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., language regarding swimming, fishing, and bicycling restrictions were relaxed. The Community Services Manager stated that other outdated language was also removed and cleaned up to remove the unnecessary language. Chu asked about glass in the park. The Community Services Manager explained glass can break and shatter in the park causing harm to bikers and all park users. Horwath noted bath should be changed to bathe. The Community Services Manager stated he would change the spelling. Ray asked if the Park and Recreation Commission should be included in this ordinance. The Community Services Manager stated this is included in a separate ordinance. Abruzzese stated this language is much more clear and easy to understand than the past language. **Abruzzese made a motion to recommend the Control and Management of Parks and Park Facilities Ordinance be approved with the recommended changes. Schletty seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.**

**OTHER
BUSINESS**

The Community Services Manager reported youth after-school activity registration for tennis, pickleball, and floor hockey is open. He stated registration for t-ball, pop-up, baseball, and softball was also open.

The Community Services Manager reported adult activity registration is open for adult softball and the driver safety classes.

The Community Services Manager reported the Market Place Morning Talk topic is Brain Health. He stated beginning in April the Market Place Morning would be moved to Cardigan Ridge.

The Community Services Manager reported the 50th Annual LCRA Skating Party would be on Saturday, February 16 at the Old Fire Hall Skating Rink.

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ADJOURN Ray moved the meeting be adjourned

Motion seconded by Chu.

Motion carried 5 – 0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Anna Leibel
Recording Secretary