

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the regular meeting of the Brainerd Park Board was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Board President Shipe.

Upon roll call, the following board members were noted present: Miller, Shipe, Yeager, and Rushmeyer. Schaefer arrived at 4:01 p.m.

Also noted present were City Engineer/Public Works Director Dehn and Recreation Coordinator Kaufman.

Approval of the Agenda - Approved

MOVED AND SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBERS YEAGER AND RUSHMEYER, DULY CARRIED, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA.

Approval of the Consent Calendar - Approved

MOVED AND SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBERS YEAGER AND MILLER, DULY CARRIED, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR.

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 28, 2023 and March 9, 2023.**
- B. Approval of the Disbursements for March 2023**
- C. Approve Quotes for Lyman P, White Grand Opening Event**

Unfinished Business

Approve Additional LCCMR Items for Lyman P. White Park

Public Works Director Dehn discussed the amendment for the LCCMR grant to include the water bottle filling station, additional fencing adjacent to the play area, and streambank restoration extending south along the river to the College Drive bridge.

Dehn provided quotes for the water bottle filling station to be installed by CBI and the WSB proposal for the streambank restoration. He has a rough quote for the additional fencing, but a definitive amount could not be determined until the contractor can review the site for actual measurements and heights.

All these items have been approved by LCCMR for an amendment to the grant. Staff is asking board to approve two items today: the water bottle filler and streambank restoration for a total of \$108,630.81. As of January 23, 2023, there are \$549,046.45 remaining LCCMR funds available.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY SCHAEFER AND MILLER, DULY CARRIED, TO APPROVE THE ADDITIONAL LCCMR ITEMS FOR LYMAN P. WHITE PARK.

Approve Lum Park Entrance Sign Replacement

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Dehn stated that with the upcoming SPRA project on Lum Park Road, a trail is planned to be installed adjacent to the street, requiring the existing entrance sign to be relocated. The current sign is old and does not meet current design standards. There is \$5,000 in the Capital Budget for sign replacement. Staff is recommending authorization of replacement of the Lum Park entrance sign. Dehn wanted to hear the boards thoughts of keeping Camping part of the sign. The board decided a discussion of where to place the new sign can happen later, once they know more where the trail is located.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY RUSHMEYER AND YEAGER, DULY CARRIED, TO AUTHORIZE THE REPLACEMENT OF THE LUM PARK ENTRANCE SIGN. THE BOARD WOULD LIKE TO SEE MOCKUPS WITH AND WITHOUT CAMPING ON THE SIGN. THE LOCATION OF SIGN WILL BE DETERMINED ONCE THE PARK BOARD UNDERSTANDS WHERE THE TRAIL WILL BE LOCATED IN THE PARK.

Discussion on Lum Park Rd SPRA Project

Dehn started a discussion regarding the width of Lum Park Road and stated staff is recommending the removal of parking on Lum Park Road between Highway 210 and the boat launch road. With the proposed narrowing of the road, removal of parallel parking would allow the necessary width for emergency vehicles to drive through the park. This narrowing was primarily purposed as a traffic calming measure as vehicles enter the park. If the road is left at the current width, there will be approximately \$12,000 in additional costs to the project. The board had concerns about removing more parking spaces, as these spots are always used during events like the Ski Loons shows throughout the summer.

The board discussed other options such as adding diagonal or parallel parking in other areas along the road to help replace some spots lost near the beach. The park board would like to see less flat parking lots, more green space, and more on-street parking. The thoughts were that parallel parking along the road will help to slow the traffic coming in as well.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY RUSHMEYER AND YEAGER, DULY CARRIED, TO KEEP AS MUCH ON STREET PARKING AS POSSIBLE, ADD DIAGONAL PARKING ALONG SPECIFIC AREAS OF THE YELLOW ON THE MAP, WHERE YOU CAN FEASIBLY FIT PARKING STALLS. THE BOARD DOES NOT SUPPORT THE REMOVAL OF ON-STREET PARKING.

Discussion on Alcohol in Parks Ordinance

Dehn discussed the draft Ordinance for alcohol in the parks. Once the board discusses this, the agreed upon draft Ordinance will be reviewed by the City Attorney and then presented to the City Council at an upcoming City Council meeting.

One comment that should be added to the ordinance language is No Glass is Allowed in any of the Parks. Yeager felt that the ordinance as written is getting close to neutral ground and is a great starting point. This would be an ordinance that can be tweaked in the future once they see what is or is not working.

Restrictions on Purchase: The board is in agreement that alcohol should be allowed in parks that have a rentable pavilion for an event. The board would like to scratch the fencing for alcohol to be purchased and consumed within.

Local resident Wayne Erickson, 13th Ave NE Brainerd, voiced concerns asking why the city is pushing the sale and consumption of alcohol in the parks. His thoughts are that there are plenty of other places to consume alcohol, but the parks are a place for family and children.

Consumption in Public Places: The board was split in thoughts on this topic. Yeager, Shipe and Miller were all fine with the language proposed in the draft ordinance. Rushmeyer thought consumption should be left alone and purchase allowed only with a permit at events. Schaefer agrees with the Purchase portion of the ordinance, but feels consumption should be limited to March 28, 2023

Memorial Park Softball and Lum Park Campground. Schaefer did voice concern about alcohol so close to children at playgrounds and the Splash Pad in Memorial park. Does the ordinance need language to address how far away a vendor can set up from playgrounds? Dehn had the direction he was requesting from the Park Board to present a draft to City Council.

Approve ISD 181 and YMCA 2023 Agreements

Dehn presented the 2023 agreements with both ISD 181 Community Education and Brainerd Family YMCA. City staff met with both entities to discuss the coming years program. The board would like to see presentations from both entities in August as a recap of the summer season and one in the Spring with a forecast for following year.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY RUSHMEYER AND YEAGER TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENTS WITH ISD 181 AND THE YMCA. THE BOARD WOULD LIKE BOTH ISD 181 AND THE YMCA TO PRESENT TO THEM TWO TIMES A YEAR, AUGUST AND APRIL, TO DISCUSS HOW THINGS ARE GOING, WHAT WENT WELL AND WHAT DID NOT GO WELL.

Public Forum

The Chair opened and closed the Public Forum at 5:53 p.m.

Board Member Reports

Not much to report, but Shipe mentioned he has heard a lot of feedback on the change of Mississippi Landing Trailhead to Lyman P. White Park. Mayor Badeaux commented it was not intentional that anyone was left out of the conversation. The land was donated to the City with the stipulation that it be named after the family father.

Staff Reports

Kaufman reported that the Early Bird Tournament is full, adult softball is half full, and doubles pickleball is starting to fill up. She plans to open some other leagues and tournaments. Special Events coming up are the Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Ball Hunt on April 8th. The Lum Park Fishing Clinic is May 20th, save the date. Staff is solidifying bands and vendors for the Lyman P. White Park Grand Opening. Staff will be working on the concession stands' point of sale over the next month.

Dehn provided a maintenance report. The team has been busy building shop workbenches and shelving, ordering parts and equipment for summer, moving office files and furniture to the new shop, and hiring summer help.

Adjourn

MOVED AND SECONDED BY YEAGER AND RUSHMEYER, DULY CARRIED, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 6:02 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cari LaRose, Administrative Specialist

March 28, 2023