

City of Lake Forest Park
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Regular Meeting Summary
17425 Ballinger Way NE – Lake/Forest Room
September 24, 2019

Regular Meeting: Call to Order – 7:00 PM

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Members Present:

Derek de Bakker, Paula Karlberg, Max Beuter, Tony Auriemma, Tyler Dittman, Ben Greif

Others Present:

Residents: Mike Dee

Staff Present:

Cory Roche - Community Volunteer Coordinator

Welcome and Introductions

Review/Approve August Meeting Minutes:

Derek motioned to approve the August meeting minutes with minor edits, Tony seconded the motion, approved unanimously.

Select Park Name Recommendations to Council for New Park Property at 37th Ave NE & NE 178th St:

Numbers from the online survey and Picnic in the Park in-person voting were presented and discussed. The Board likes Brookside Park as well as including it into one large park as Pfingst Animal Acres Park. They agreed that going to an upcoming Work Session meeting with Council to discuss the future of the Park to gather more input and direction to make a final decision would be the best option.

PRAB Community Event/Activity Discussion:

The Board discussed and agreed that the community event and/or activity does not necessarily need to be something that raises money but should incorporate community awareness of the parks. Getting people out to enjoy parks and the special features each park provides that residents may not know of as well as awareness of the Board. Ideas of a walk-a-thon where you would receive donations to go towards park equipment like outdoor exercise equipment. The Board also discussed and liked the idea of a scavenger hunt in the parks, could use stamps or social media.

Other Business:

Ben asked if there was any movement on the Bocce Ball Court, Cory let the Board know that there is no movement at the time.

Ben also would like to bring up the waterfront access discussion, possibly next meeting.

Max mentioned the Ned Lawson letter, wondered if the shelter could be moved over to the new park instead of Animal Acres. Cory stated that would not be able to happen now, a park masterplan needs to be developed before anything happened at the park. Cory asked the Board if they would like to write a letter for support or for being opposed to the shelter. The Board felt like it is pass the time for them to write a letter, but they have no opposition of the shelter going in at Animal Acres. They brought up the idea of adding games or some activity to the shelter, thought that would be nice addition.

Public Comments:

Mike Dee thanked the Board for the public naming process for the new park. He brought up Mamie was who was acknowledged for her hard work at Grace Cole. Stated there is a merchant meeting with the Commons that would be good to attend for sponsorship opportunities. Mike also brought up that May 16 is National Kids to Park Day. Lastly, stated the PROST plan was not on website and that it might be good to add.

Adjourn: 8:00 PM