

**City of Inver Grove Heights Minutes of the Proceedings
Of the Park and Recreation Advisory Commission
Wednesday, May 8, 2019**

Park Tour

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Sethre called the May 8, 2019 Park and Recreation Advisory Commission Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Chair Kevin Sethre; Vice Chair Kathryn Bauer; Commissioners: Willie Krech, Mary Gerhardt, Al Eiden, Mark Freer, Deb Tix, and Niki Barker. Parks and Recreation Director Eric Carlson and Recreation Superintendent Julie Dorshak.

Absent: Commissioner Steve Cook; Recording Clerk Sheri Yourczek.

3. PRESENTATIONS:

A. Introduction of Recreation Superintendent – Julie Dorshak

Parks and Recreation Director Eric Carlson introduced new Recreation Superintendent Julie Dorshak.

Recreation Superintendent Julie Dorshak introduced herself and stated that she worked for the City of Burnsville for over 25 years as a Recreation Supervisor, Recreation Programmer, and Recreation and Community Services Manager. She stated her duties included doing youth and family programming, special events, grants writing, and grants administration for the city for close to 20 years. She commented that she likes writing grants for programs and projects within the city. She stated she did a lot of partnerships and community events, worked with seniors, volunteers, and with the performing arts center. She commented she is excited to be here and is looking forward to getting to know everyone, working with the community, getting to know the Commission, and learning more about Inver Grove Heights and how to make this a great place to live, work, and play.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A. You can find information regarding the City of Inver Grove Heights by visiting our Website at:
www.invergroveheights.org

B. Find us on Facebook at Inver Grove Heights Parks & Recreation

C. Follow us on Twitter at @IGHParks

D. Follow us on Instagram: @ighparksrec

E. Next Meeting: June 12, 2019 Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Approval of Agenda

B. Approval of Minutes of April 10, 2019

Parks and Recreation Director Eric Carlson stated there were a couple of corrections to the minutes. On Page 1 under presentations, the third paragraph where it states “2007” should be changed to 2017. At the end of that sentence it says “2008” and should be changed to 2018. Another correction was in the last paragraph on Page 1 where it states “2007”, and should be 2017, and “2009” should be 2019.

Motion by Commissioner Eiden second by Commissioner Barker to approve the Consent Agenda with corrections to the Minutes as stated.

Ayes: 8
Nays: 0 **Motion carried.**

6. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

8. REGULAR AGENDA:

A. Consider Park Dedication Requirements for South Land Capital – Case No. 19-14ZPD

Parks and Recreation Director Carlson stated the Applicant is proposing to develop 66 units on a little over 30 acres of land in the northwest area. There is no park slated for the general area. He stated the recommendation is that the city collects cash dedication at the current rate at the time of final plat. The current rate is \$2,850 per unit for a total of \$188,100. He stated tree preservation is not a Park and Recreation issue, but recommends the developer follow the tree preservation policy and that none of the landscape plans include the introduction of ash trees. He stated there is a future trail that will be constructed along the north side of upper 65th Street and sidewalks along the interior roads.

Chair Sethre asked if 65th Street was proposed to go all the way through to Robert Street.

Director Carlson responded that last year Highway 3 was closed due to construction of the intersection at 65th Street so in the future they could go east and west at Highway 3. He stated that construction will begin west of Highway 3 with 65th Street that would connect to existing Argenta Trail. He commented that in the future 65th Street would also go to the east of Highway 3.

Vice Chair Bauer asked if the western part of 65th Street would be renamed.

Director Carlson responded he was not aware of a name change.

Motion by Commissioner Krech second by Commissioner Tix to approve to Consider Park Dedication Requirements for South Land Capital – Case No. 19-14ZPD.

Ayes: 8
Nays: 0 **Motion carried.**

Chair Sethre asked where the nearest park in the area was located.

Director Carlson responded the nearest park to the development would be Salem Hills, which is east of Highway 3 and south of Upper 55th.

9. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS:

A. Department Happenings

Chair Sethre stated June 11th is the dog park grand opening. This includes activities, vendors, food, and dog treats. A demonstration would be done by a local K9 Officer.

Director Carlson stated the dog park grand opening will be on Tuesday, June 11th from 5:00 to 7:00 at Heritage Village Park. There will be a “leash” cutting ceremony to open up the park for use by the public. The Mayor

will give a speech and address the crowd. He stated there will be vendors related to dogs and dog products on site. There will be free food for people who attend as well as dog treats. He stated that dog park passes will be sold and that the Inver Grove Heights Animal Hospital will be offering rabies vaccinations for \$15.00. He commented that everyone in the community is welcome to attend and check it out.

Chair Sethre stated people should read the Insights magazine where there is information about Parks and Recreation, among other information. He stated that the Huck Finn Fishing Derby takes place on Saturday, June 8th at Simley Island Park.

10. COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Commissioner Krech had no comment.

Commissioner Barker had no comment.

Vice Chair Bauer stated she was looking forward to Trails Day on June 1st and hopes a lot of people turnout. She commented that this is one of the most popular aspects of the recreation system in this city.

Commissioner Tix had no comment.

Commissioner Freer had no comment.

Commissioner Eiden had no comment.

Commissioner Gerhardt had no comment.

11. ADJOURN:

Motion by Commissioner Freer second by Commissioner Tix to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Ayes: 8

Nays: 0 Motion carried.