

City of Inver Grove Heights Minutes of the Proceedings
Of The Park and Recreation Advisory Commission
Wednesday, June 8, 2016

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Eiden called the June 8, 2016 Park and Recreation Advisory Commission Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Chair Al Eiden; Commissioners: Joe Boehmer, Patrick Farley, Kathryn Bauer, Willie Krech, Jim Huffman, Deb Tix, and Kevin Sethre

Parks and Recreation Director Eric Carlson

Absent: Vice Chair Mark Freer; Recording Clerk Sheri Yourczek

• **PRESENTATIONS:**

A. Introduction of Department Intern – Tyler Nieson

Parks and Recreation Director Eric Carlson introduced new Intern Tyler Nieson. He will introduce himself and tell you a bit about what he's doing as part of his internship and where he is going to school.

Tyler Nieson introduced himself saying he is the 2016 Summer Intern for the City of Inver Grove Heights. Some of his duties include:

-Coordinating the Huck Finn Fishing Derby which will be taking place this coming Friday

-Penny Carnival taking place on July 7th

-Community Garden Program

-Youth Volunteer Program

-Lawn of the Week

-Random Acts of Fitness Program

So far the internship has been great for him. He has learned a lot and looks forward to what the future holds.

Commissioner Bauer asked him where he is going to school and what he is studying.

Intern Nieson responded he has recently graduated from Mankato State University with a degree in Recreation, Parks, and Leisure Services. He is looking for a full time position so if you know of anyone please let him know.

Chair Eiden asked him how long he will be with us?

Intern Nieson responded through the end of August.

Chair Eiden asked how the pop up events go, for example, Random Acts of Fitness and the lawn program.

Intern Nieson responded they started the Lawn of the Week Program on Tuesday and he brought along a volunteer to drive around. They chose a lawn off of 69th close to 70th Street. The resident seemed very surprised that we picked him and that this was actually a thing we do. It was interesting to see his reaction. He seemed very appreciative and happy that he won.

Chair Eiden asked if this is just random or can people nominate others too?

Intern Nieson responded people can nominate others too, but what they have been doing is driving around and looking for the best kept lawn and landscaping.

Chair Eiden asked if he has started Random Acts yet?

Intern Nieson said that will begin next Tuesday.

Chair Boehmer asked about the gardens. Where is that located?

Intern Nieson responded those are out at Salem Hills. They have all been planted. There is still an extra plot up for sale.

Chair Eiden asked about the Fishing Derby.

Intern Nieson responded that takes place this Friday and they have about 25 participants so far. They are hoping for at least 40. If more people want to register, you can register online or at the event. It will take place at Simley Island this Friday at 7:00 p.m.

Chair Eiden thanked him for the update and hopes he is having a good summer. He hopes he makes some contacts along the way and gets a career in what he studied in.

B. Aquatic Update – Tammy Abrahamson

Tammy Abrahamson, Aquatics Coordinator, stated they have about 1400 participants that go through our swimming lessons program. They are gearing up for our busiest season, which takes place during the summer and starts next Monday, the 13th.

New this year in Aquatics:

- We have partnered with Riptide Swim Club. They purchase pool time with us, and are kind of the bridge between kids who have finished our swimming lessons program and may be looking for a new opportunity, or maybe even to get on a swim team. The Club currently buys about 700 hours of pool time.

- Partnering with SEMS (South East Metro Sharks) Swim Club which is also a club in the area. They hosted a swim meet back in January that had over 400 young swimmers coming to our facility. We are hosting another June 18th and 19th.

- They continue to work closely with the School District. Last year we hosted 15 swim meets, both girls and boys, and also hosted the teams section swim meets as well. They purchase over 500 hours of practice time.

- We work with the School District to do elementary swim nights as well as a swim meet. The swim meet this year had 95 participants.

Fitness Update:

- We offer four different fitness classes in the pool at different times of the day that people can participate in.

- Offering a new program called Log Rolling. Check us out next Monday for a demonstration from 2:00 to 3:00. We will be having clinics in July and actual classes in August. We are going to work with our Kids Rock program and bring some of those kids into the pool to do that program as well. We have had our first Staff training and they enjoyed and had fun with it. There will be more training to come.

- Summer officially kicks off tomorrow. It's the last day of school and our summer pool hours will be Monday through Thursday from 12:00 to 7:30, and Saturday and Sundays from 12:00 to 6:30 p.m.

Commissioner Farley commented that you mentioned you are hosting a number of swim meets. Which club helps host those meets? He asked if they do Blackline? He is closely aligned with Blackline and knows the money made from that is huge.

Coordinator Abrahamson responded it is the SEMS Club. As far as Blackline, we do not do anything with them, but we do have a connection with them. It just depends on what their needs are in terms of pool time. The Coach does do some private lessons in our facility, but they are not at that point that they need additional pool

time anywhere right now. We do our best to balance how much time we give clubs, due to others using the pool as well as our swim clubs and teams.

Chair Eiden asked if the log rolling was a part of the fitness program? Which pool do they do this in?

Coordinator Abrahamson responded it was actually part of a grant they applied for and received. They are talking about doing this as a fitness class as well, but it can be a sport too. They are still trying to figure out how they want to do that as well as how much interest there is.

Log Rolling has taken place in the lap pool. They could do it in the water park area too, but with the features running, they haven't tried yet.

Chair Eiden thanked her for the update and for doing a good job on the programs there.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A. You can find information regarding the City of Inver Grove Heights by visiting our web site at:

www.invergroveheights.org

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

C. Follow us on Twitter at @IGHParks

D. Next Meeting: July 13, 2016. Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

- **Approval of Agenda**
- **Approval of Minutes of May 11, 2016**

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda by Commissioner Bauer, seconded by Commissioner Tix.

Aye: 8

Nay: 0 Motion carried.

Chair Eiden wanted to welcome Commissioner Huffman back. He took a hiatus for a few months and is back among us now.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

8. REGULAR AGENDA:

- **Elect Chair and Vice Chair**

Chair Eiden will turn this item over to Director Carlson. He commented that if he is being considered for any position, he prefers not to be considered for the position of Chair or Vice Chair. He's been Chair for ten years now and feels it's time for someone else to give it a chance.

Director Carlson stated as the current Chair indicated, we need to elect a Chair and Vice Chair for the upcoming year. We will start with the position of Chair. He asked if there was anyone that wants to nominate a fellow Commissioner for the position of Chair, or if anyone wants to nominate themselves for the position of Chair of the Inver Grove Heights Park and Recreation Commission.

Commissioner Krech wanted to nominate Commissioner Eiden again if he would consider taking it. He's leading the pack now on a lot of stuff, he'd hate for him to step down from that right now.

Commissioner Sethre agreed with Commissioner Krech. We don't want to pressure him, but he has certainly done a great job.

Chair Eiden appreciated the confidence. As he looks at things someone else should take a shot at doing things.

Commissioner Farley felt Chair Eiden had a vision for the parks system and long range planning. You have the most appropriate vision to move that agenda forward. Since he has that vision, he has the background and experience. Continuing on for at least another year can give the whole Commission a feel as to where to go. Right now, he felt collectively we don't think you should leave.

Chair Eiden hears what is being said, and appreciates it, but we need to give some other folks the opportunity. There is a lot of talent sitting at this table. We need to move some people forward. He's been Chair for ten years now.

Commissioner Huffman felt he was so good at it, that's why he has been in it for that long.

Commissioner Krech agreed with all. Chair Eiden knows what is going on. Whoever they pick as his assistant could work more closely with him.

Chair Eiden commented that if he does this again, this year we need to have someone step up more into the position. We should be moving people forward. There isn't anybody here at this table that can't do this.

Commissioner Bauer asked if anyone has consulted with Vice Chair Freer regarding positions.

Director Carlson responded that Commissioner Freer has stated his wife has recently retired and they are kind of changing their plan. He had offered to the City Council that if there was anyone else interested in being on the Parks Commission he would willingly resign, but if not he would finish out his term. His term ends a year from now. If he continues on, his presence may be sparse due to the fact that his wife is retired and they plan to do some traveling. Due to that, he would probably not want to be a consideration for Chair or Vice Chair.

Commissioner Eiden agreed with that information. He did say he will make meetings when he can, but he doesn't think he would want to be Vice Chair again.

Commissioner Sethre nominated himself for the position of Vice Chair. He felt he could learn from Commissioner Eiden if he were to continue on as Chair.

Commissioner Farley supports that nomination. He agreed that we do need fresh blood on here. He strongly suggests that maybe Commissioner Tix consider the Chair position since she has longevity. You have a lot of history and understand what is going on.

Commissioner Tix said the elected official would only be in a leadership position if Commissioner Eiden was not here.

Commissioner Farley was suggesting Commissioner Eiden not run and that Commissioner Tix step up into the Chair position.

Commissioner Tix didn't feel she would be able to commit as much time to be able to do that.

Commissioner Bauer felt the same. She has a pretty demanding job right now.

Director Carlson felt we have one person nominated to be the Chair, that's Commissioner Eiden. Any others for

Chair?

Hearing none he stated all those in favor of Al Eiden serving as Chair of the Parks and Recreation Commission say Aye.

Aye: 8

Nay: 1 (Eiden) Motion carried.

Commissioner Eiden has been elected Chair.

Chair Eiden reluctantly thanked all, and said he will try to do a good job. He does need people to show their talents.

Commissioner Sethre thanked him for his position, and for his efforts. It will be another productive year.

Director Carlson addressed the Vice Chair position. We have a nomination for Vice Chair being Kevin Sethre. Are there any others interested in the position of Vice Chair?

Commissioner Huffman volunteered for the position of Vice Chair.

Those that would vote in favor for Commissioner Sethre for Vice Chair please say Aye.

Aye:

Opposed: None

For those that would like to see Commissioner Huffman for the position of Vice Chair please say Aye.

Aye: None

Opposed: None

By voice vote, Director Carlson recommends that Commissioner Sethre serve as Vice Chair. He asked if all are comfortable with Commissioner Eiden serving as Chair and Commissioner Sethre serving as Vice Chair?

Commissioner Farley was comfortable with that.

Commissioner Krech was also comfortable with that. If anyone else wants to say for the third position (alternative) as needed, we can look into that down the line.

Commissioner Farley would like to make an observation. Internally, as well as those watching, we really are badly in need of young people to consider taking on a role on the Commission, as well as other positions. We need good people that are willing to commit.

Chair Eiden thanked everyone, if he has any say he jokingly stated they are all going to be busy this year.

- **Consider Repair of Tennis Courts/Basketball Courts**

Director Carlson stated we are asking to consider staff recommendation to hire Ray Finely Tennis Court West for a sum not to exceed \$55,000 to do some tennis court and basketball court repairs. It would include two tennis courts at Oakwood Park, the Groveland Park half basketball court and the single tennis court, the two tennis courts at Skyview Park, and the basketball court at Rich Valley Park. This would include color coating and re-stripping all of the tennis courts for both tennis and pickleball. We received two quotes to do this work and we recommend the work be awarded to Ray Finley Tennis Court in the amount of \$50,997 with a project budget not to exceed \$55,000. The funding would come out of the Parks Capital Maintenance Fund, Fund 444.

Commissioner Krech asked if you had worked with these people before?

Director Carlson responded they did the work last year and we were satisfied with their work.

Commissioner Boehmer asked if the tennis courts at Rich Valley were not repairable?

Director Carlson responded the condition of the Rich Valley tennis courts are such that we recommend not doing maintenance on them. We think they are beyond repair. We need to consider in the future whether we reconstruct, or not replace them.

Chair Eiden asked if you do this maintenance, how long will that extend these courts?

Director Carlson responded their estimate is between five and ten years.

Chair Eiden asked if there was a reason why we needed to pickle stripe all of these courts?

Director Carlson responded there wasn't a reason other than it is a game that is becoming more and more popular, and more and more requested in this community.

Chair Eiden commented that as far as the people he knows, they were not really favorable with the pickle ball courts being within the tennis ball courts because there was too much space for them to run and chase. Normal pickleball courts are three in a tennis court as they run the other way. He is asking as a question if it were necessary to stripe them all this way.

Director Carlson said doing them gives people in the community options to play the game of pickleball at more locations. We don't have the financial resources to create dedicated pickleball courts. This gives us the opportunity to provide both tennis and pickleball at the same location with minimal investment. He understands that pickleball players would like dedicated courts, but we are not in a position right now to build pickleball only courts in the community.

Chair Eiden stated there are four locations here. If the game is growing that much and it's needed, he guesses that's fine.

Director Carlson responded that striping them is a nominal expense. If we follow the recommendation that maybe all of our tennis courts have them, except for example, Rich Valley, then in the next five to ten years we would have to decide what to do there again. We are not going to be able to recoat the next time around. The next time around would have to be redone into something different.

Commissioner Tix felt instead of striping them with both, what about striping just a couple of them with pickleball only, to give the pickleball players a dedicated court. She isn't sure how many play, but just so they don't feel they have to share with the tennis players. Unless there is a need for all of them to be tennis striped.

Commissioner Krech asked how many people use the ones down at Rich Valley.

Director Carlson responded the only use they can measure in the parks system is the scheduled use that they have of baseball fields, soccer fields, football fields, etc. In the winter, it's through ice time. We don't have the ability to count how many use playgrounds, trails, or courts. We do have some volunteers that are in a pilot program that are counting how many are at a particular park at a given time, and maybe at some point we can grow that, but we don't have a source that consistently gives that information.

Commissioner Krech meant was that if some tennis courts were being used less, maybe they can stripe those just for pickleball. That doesn't mean that if it were striped strictly pickleball that it couldn't be used for tennis too though.

Director Carlson wanted to clarify what Chair Eiden stated in that he has spoken to people that like to play pickleball. A true pickleball court is smaller, so they don't have to run as far to get the ball. Director Carlson felt that striping the courts differently isn't going to change that as the court is still the same size. This just seems like an economical way to use the space in the best way possible.

Commissioner Farley felt it was a good idea to try and figure out the utilization of various facilities. The theory of building parks was if we build it they will come. They coming is a good question. If we are going through the parks system, as far as to reposition and repurpose, that is the kind of data we need and is very important.

Chair Eiden felt if the staff couldn't do it, perhaps there are some areas we should look further into. That's where we need other sources to be able to do other things. He is going to focus on the plan we started two years ago. Usage was one of the more important things.

Motion by Commissioner Huffman to approve Ray Finley Tennis to refurbish the courts as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Krech.

Aye: 8
Nay: 0 Motion carried.

9. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS:

- **Review Commissioners Handbook**

Director Carlson has provided a copy of the handbook. There have not been any changes to it, but will answer any questions anyone may have.

- **Park & Recreation Sub Committee Reports**

Chair Eiden went through the following Committees:

-Development of Alternative Funding Sources: Chair Eiden is on this committee.

He asked Director Carlson if the proposal for utility roundup has gone before the Council yet.

Director Carlson responded the utility roundup concept will go before the City Council in a work study session in July.

Chair Eiden stated Director Carlson and himself looked into forming a 501c3. That would be a funding mechanism that would start up slow and could grow rapidly. There is a lot of work involved with a 501c3. It will be a few months before they get anything concrete. This is another avenue for the parks system to have funding from people.

Commissioner Huffman asked him to explain what a 501c3 was.

Chair Eiden stated it is a non-profit tax exempt. If you donate to a specified 501c3 they get the donation.

Commissioner Huffman felt this would be a good idea for the dog park.

Chair Eiden stated another funding option is the City is trying to find out if they want to try selling property. At least three pieces of park property may not be developed. Perhaps the City could make better use of that land.

-Dog Park:

Commissioner Tix stated they have not had any meetings.

Director Carlson stated that one of the residences that is leading that group got in touch with him and said they don't feel like there is a site in Inver Grove Heights that meets the standard that they would like to see the dog park be. They have decided to put a hold on it for now. That is the desire of their group, not the direction of City staff.

Commissioner Krech suggested an area when you are driving down Concord Street across from Holiday. There are some open lots there and the City has to cut grass there, maybe that could be a temporary site? There wouldn't be much to cleanup and the City owns it. If they really wanted something interim, that could be a decent area.

Director Carlson stated the vision that they have is a 10 to 15 acre parcel. We talked about the lot the City owns near the Skate Park which is roughly a five acre parcel. They didn't feel it was large enough for what they want to accomplish. Their wish is to wait until they feel like there is a location that meets their expectations.

Commissioner Krech asked about the land across from 55 that has a conservation easement. Can they use 15 acres there?

Director Carlson felt the rules of that type of easement are that you can't have any activity or improvements to the land there. If you are walking down the Mississippi River Regional Trail for example, you can't walk off the trail and use other areas there. He will check into that for sure.

Chair Eiden felt we need to go by their wishes. If we do find locations we think would suit them, we tell them about it and let them investigate.

-Inver Wood Golf Course:

Commissioner Farley said everything has been planned. They toured with the architect and looked at some minor changes. Everything is ready to go and the first phase will take place in August. He wasn't sure how the irrigation was going to be redone without completely closing the course.

Director Carlson responded they will be meeting with the contractor in the middle of July to talk about the project. They had an initial meeting already. In regards to irrigation, we may see the main parts installed in July without interrupting play. Beginning August 1st, their first job will be to do work on the driving range. They need to have that tee prepared and seeded. Everything else will be sodded except for trenched irrigation places. We will see irrigation work start in mid to late July in the out of play area. Driving range takes place end of August, and then throughout the rest of the season, we will see more irrigation, as well as all of the bunkers getting reconstructed. We will have fewer square feet of bunkers on the golf course than we have today. It will stay open through the entire project, but there may be portions closed on days or a week at a time to allow the work to take place. We are working on a plan on how to market the playability of the course so those know they can still play while under construction. We do not anticipate closing the entire golf course at any time throughout construction. They are formulating a plan and will have information at the July meeting. We will do some adjustments in our rates through the construction. We are hoping to complete the job by the end of the year. It is a huge job, and the contractor is experienced, but has admitted it is a challenging job to complete in the timeframe we have agreed upon.

-Northwest Area Park Committee:

Director Carlson said there is a group of Commissioners assigned to this group, but they have not met yet. They will be meeting soon.

-Short/Long Term Staffing Needs:

Director Carlson stated this is related to the budget and will be meeting in the next 30 days.

-North/South Valley Park:

Commissioner Huffman felt they are moving in the right direction.

Commissioner Bauer mentioned that they have reviewed the comments from the last City Council meeting.

Commissioner Boehmer stated the committee will be looking at getting pricing and options for financing as well as and ideas on rebuilding, and repairs.

Commissioner Farley asked if we didn't have to repair that entire structure down there? One building is in rough shape. Isn't it too small?

Commissioner Krech felt the picnic shelter would just need minor fixes. You could double the size of that building by adding on to it. He wasn't sure about the next building. He didn't feel that if something was 20 years old it needed to be torn down. There's no real structural damage on that right now, and will have someone look at it for them.

Chair Eiden would suggest that we need to verify answers to your questions. We have made some suppositions about things, and some things we would like to have. The Council wants us to have more precise ways of what we can and can't do. The committee has to take what is wanted and what is needed, etc. There have been a number of questions asked and we need to verify the answers.

Commissioner Farley asked why he came away from that meeting with the impression that the structure had to be torn down or replaced? Did he hear something that wasn't said?

Chair Eiden stated a year ago they were down there and the conversation at the time was two-fold in that those buildings were old and there were structural issues at the bottom. Given the fact that we are looking at a different Master Plan, we will move forward with a development plan for that area.

Commissioner Krech stated there is also a parking problem down there. There isn't enough. He felt we needed to get an engineer down there. Maybe they need to get some vandal proof bathrooms in there as well. The basic shelter has some water damage along the blocks at the bottom, but those just need to be replaced. That type of issue shouldn't require taking a building down. Maybe we do need to resize the building someday.

Chair Eiden stated some of us would like to repurpose that whole area into something more than it is right now. Now we are at the reality that it will take money to do it. He thinks with where we are at with the Council right now, they have a lot of issues going on in town. They seem to be saying they support the parks, but we don't have any money for it. Because of that we need to show a cost analysis for what we would like to do. We are at a point right now where we need to find specific answers.

Commissioner Farley felt we can tell them how much it's being used just based on rentals.

Chair Eiden responded that will tell them how much it's being used, but not how much it isn't based on the fact that it's not big enough, or what others may need, or are looking for in a shelter. That's what the Park Commissioner's are looking at in regards to vision.

Commissioner Krech thought the parking situation there definitely needed to be looked into. If

they start anywhere maybe that would be a good place to begin. We need to look at parking up here too. We have some land that we could be using for additional parking. The lots out here for high school and community events are full. Even the water park area fills up.

Commissioner Farley agreed that parking becomes a major issue and when they have a swim meet, they pack people in there. He's been down in Rochester where the parking is so bad at events that they finally rented a lot and they have a shuttle bus bringing people back and forth.

Commissioner Krech felt those types of issues are things this Commission should be looking into. The places for parking here are pretty bad. We need to tell the Council that we need to do something.

Chair Eiden agreed that those suggestions are something we definitely need to look into. Everything we approach we know parking is going to have to be a consideration. This town has changed dramatically in size.

-Overall Parks and Recreation System:

Chair Eiden stated the plans are still there. He plans to create some guidelines as they plan for the future.

- **Department Happenings**

Director Carlson stated there was nothing new to report.

- **Update on Heritage Village Park – Swing Bridge Park – Mississippi River Regional Trail**

Director Carlson stated the Commission is aware that the Mississippi River Regional Trail is owned and operated by the Dakota County Parks System and runs through our City. We have assisted with this trail as it goes through Heritage Village Park. We have partnered with the County to create a Trailhead so people that want to come can use the trail. It is completely constructed in Inver Grove Heights. It is not completed as far as the overall plan is concerned but they hope to have it completed in the next few years.

The City owns the land that the Rock Island Swing Bridge is on. We partnered with the County to construct a building with restrooms, a parking lot, and a picnic shelter. We share responsibilities with maintenance. This is a positive addition in our Community and is something that gets used quite frequently.

Heritage Village Park has been in the planning process for quite some time now. Cleanup has been done for environmental purposes. We have done three Master Plans for this park. If someone is asking the question why it hasn't been completed, there are a couple answers to that. It takes money to build the amenities that one day we plan to put there. We have 2.5 million dollars currently that can help with that effort, as well as other sources of our own City dollars. The biggest impediment to making improvements is that we don't have total land control of what we hope the park to be someday. The location of this area is property west of Doffing, property north of 65th Street, property East of Concord, and South of the South St. Paul/Inver Grove Heights border. We have deed restrictions on the parcels we have. There are parcels we own that are not part of the park yet, and others that are still owned by the landowners. The City Council has been in the process to acquire properties along Doffing Avenue. The four we don't own are not interested sellers and the City Council has not had the attitude that they are going to force someone to sell their land to the City. The current Master Plan has those properties acquired, so until we have those pieces it is really hard to move forward and begin showing some progress. The question has come up frequently as to what is going on down there, so he felt it was time to update everyone on what is going on right now with regards to that area.

Commissioner Bauer asked if we didn't talk about part of this area having a dog park?

Director Carlson responded they have. The dog park group doesn't feel like that is the site for them at this point and time.

Commissioner Krech commented that we were going to put a bandshell down there correct?

Director Carlson responded yes.

Commissioner Huffman asked how many acres of a dog park would be down there?

Director Carlson said at one point the City Council had several different locations. One was roughly 10 acres. The City Council didn't want the Dog Park to become essentially the "front door" to Heritage Village Park because to get to the park, you need to come down Concord and turn on 65th Street. There is roughly 10 acres to the north of that location that was turned into natural prairie. There is a deed restriction to what we can and cannot do there, and a dog park couldn't go there.

Commissioner Huffman felt we should be able to tell people what we would like. Not have people coming to tell us. He would use that area as he has a dog.

Chair Eiden stated we have gone over this since 2009. Last year we had a group come in and express interest in a dog park. We told them what the City owns and we are not going to buy anymore property for a dog park right now as we can't afford it. We asked them to sit down and tell us what they want for a dog park in this City. They told us what they wanted. The issue is you can just build a park and get minimal use there because people don't want it there. We are waiting to see what they want, as they are the users. That's where it will stay until they come before us. He doesn't think we should just build a park and then they will come.

10. COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Commissioner Bauer had no comment.

Commissioner wanted to congratulate Tyler on winning the bet.

Commissioner Krech stated there is a bike trail down past their shop and the road is pretty narrow. People don't ride their bikes on the bike trail. He doesn't know if they can't read the signs, or if there aren't any signs to begin with, but wanted them to be aware. People walk and bike on the road. He isn't sure why, but there's no shoulder on that road and it's dangerous.

Second thing he wanted to mention is that a section of sidewalk has been dug up down by WalMart across from the senior housing. Six weeks ago they dug it up and then put barricades there so now nobody can use the sidewalk. Someone needs to call them and tell them to dump a load of rock there so that people can use it again. There's a lot of truck traffic there, and people are stumbling around on the road. He asked if there was anyone that could be called to fix that.

He commented there is also a problem going down Cahill toward the school. There is really tall grass over there. Someone should go over there and cut it as it's been awhile since it's been cut.

Director Carlson responded he will follow up on those issues. Unfortunately it's not illegal to be out on the roads and some bicyclists aren't trail riders, they are road riders. We can't really tell them where to ride their bikes.

Commissioner Sethre had no comment.

Commissioner Farley had no comment.

Commissioner Boehmer welcomed Commissioner Huffman back.

Commissioner Huffman had no comment.

Chair Eiden commented there are a number of things going on and summer is officially here. There are a lot of

activities, so please follow the website and check out the brochures for what is going on. Enjoy the parks out here. He also wanted to mention that Commissioner Farley made the point that we need young people on the Commissions. We can also use citizens young and old, who are willing to work with the parks. Given your support there are any number of projects that we can initiate, instigate, and expand on. You don't have to become a member of this Commission to work with, help, and support and give us your ideas. We can be contacted through the cities website and you are welcome to attend these meetings. Please have an enjoyable summer.

11. ADJOURN

Motion by Commissioner Farley, seconded by Commissioner Tix, to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 p.m.

Aye: 8

Nay: 0 Motion carried.