

**BELLE PLAINE PARK BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 15, 2019**

1. CALL TO ORDER. 1.1. Roll Call.

The Belle Plaine Park Board met in Regular Session on Monday, July 15, 2019 at City Hall, 218 North Meridian Street, Belle Plaine, MN. Chair Ryan Herrmann called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM with Commissioners Lucas Simonson, Chris Kehr and Patricia Krings present.

Also present were Council Liaisons Stier, Coop and City Administrator Meyer.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

MOTION by Commissioner Coop, second by Commissioner Stier, to approve the agenda as presented. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES. 3.1. Regular Session Minutes of June 17, 2019.

MOTION by Commissioner Coop, second by Commissioner Stier, to approve the Regular Session Minutes of June 17, 2019. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

4. TREASURERS REPORT. 4.1. Park Fund 205 Budget Update.

MOTION by Commissioner Coop, second by Commissioner Stier, to accept the treasurer's report. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

5. BUSINESS.

5.1. Bench Policy Review.

City Administrator Meyer explained at the June Park Board Meeting staff requested a review of the policy.

MOTION by Commissioner Stier, second by Commissioner Coop, to dissolve the Memorial Bench Program.

Commissioner Krings inquired if there was any advantage to keeping the program. Commissioner Stier suggested while the program is great it also opens the City up to a wealth of issues. Krings suggested visual aid to help clear up questions. City Administrator Meyer explained if the bench policy were to continue specific language regarding placement and wording options will need to be addressed. Commissioners discussed the areas of contention with the benches and the benefits of continuing the program. It was suggested to receive park bench funds as a donation changing the verbiage to specific and allowing placement at the City's discretion. Commissioner Herrmann suggested a clear defined policy should be in place subject to a 90-day review to allow time for emotional requests.

A roll call vote on the Motion on the floor. Commissioner Kehr Nay, Commissioner Stier Aye, Commissioner Krings Nay, Commissioner Simonson Nay, Commissioner Coop Aye and Commissioner Herrmann Nay. MOTION FAILED 2-3.

Commissioner Coop suggested criteria language of "In Memory of" with a Natural Human Persons Legal Name. Commissioner Krings suggested Staff come back with a recommendation of language. Coops requests a list of trails and parks where benches will be allowed.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS.

6.1. Project Status Report.

City Administrator Meyer highlighted the project status report.

Commissioner Krings inquired on a construction start date on Jane Properties. City Administrator Meyer explained no building construction can occur until construction of the road is complete. Commissioner Herrmann inquired if it's too late in the season to cut in a trail at Robert Creek Preserve. Meyer noted Public Works Superintendent Fahey has a lead on a company willing to create the trail.

City Administrator Meyer explained the VFW has requested updates to Vets Park including a paver path, and a 5-foot wall. Meyer noted currently five memorial pavers have been sold. Meyer noted the old plan allowed for the addition of pavers however the plan was not followed by the VFW and additional flag poles were installed altering the plan. Meyer suggested moving away from a paver path instead placing a row or two around the flag plaza as a final addition to the park. Commissioner Krings inquired if pavers could be installed at the base of the helicopter. Meyer explained the space not being optimal due to standing water in the area multiple times a year. Commissioner Herrmann suggests staff work with the Vets for a plan noting no installation should occur until all pavers are sold. Commissioner Krings suggest a sample be brought in for review.

It was the consensus of the board to have Vet's Park Plan reviewed and revised by Bolton and Menk, require a limit on paver sales and review of the paver criteria.

6.2. Commissioner Comments.

Commissioner Krings inquired on the sign change at Veteran's Park. City Administrator Meyer confirmed the old sign was rotted and replaced by Public Works. Krings requested a park sign policy for consistency. Meyer confirmed a review of cost and which signs are in need of repair. Commissioner Coop requested the budget be increased to \$50,000.00 per year to Park Board Funds. Coop requested \$30-40,000.00 be allocated toward the equipment for the tower park.

6.3. Upcoming Meetings.

1. Next Regular Meeting, 5:00 PM, Monday, August 19, 2019.

Commissioners were reminded of upcoming meetings as listed.

7. Adjourn.

MOTION by Commissioner Stier, second by Commissioner Kehr, to adjourn at 6:15 PM. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Renee Eyrich
Recording Secretary