



**MINUTES  
PARK ADVISORY COMMISSION  
CITY OF WHITE BEAR LAKE, MINNESOTA  
THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2024  
6:30 P.M. AT JACK YOST PARK  
AT 1856 FLORENCE STREET**

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE**

Chair Bill Ganzlin called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mark Cermak, Anastacia Davis, Bill Ganzlin, and Mike Shepard

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Bryan Belisle, Victoria Biehn, Ginny Davis,

**STAFF PRESENT:** Andy Wietecky, Parks Working Foreman; Paul Kauppi, Public Works Director/City Engineer

**VISITORS PRESENT:**

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was moved by member **Mark Cermak** seconded by member **Mike Shepard**, to approve the agenda with additional new business items including: dog beach agenda, Marketfest product sales and Marketfest new location.

Motion carried, 4:0.

**3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Minutes of May 16, 2024

It was moved by member **Anastacia Davis** seconded by member **Mark Cermak**, to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2024 meeting.

Motion carried, 4:0.

**4. VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Nothing Scheduled

**5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Nothing Scheduled

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Park Inspection Reports

Due to the absence of 3 Commission members, Andy recommended that inspection reports are put on hold until the park tours are finished for the summer. The Park Advisory Commission will share their park tour findings at the October meeting.

B. Park Tour of West Park (Highlight new trails installed Fall 2023)

The meeting was moved last minute to City Hall due the chance of bad weather. Due to the location change of the meeting, the park tour was not completed.

C. Dog Beach Review

Paul Kauppi asked the Commission to revisit the dog beach to review the enhancements that were made to control where the dogs are able to go. He is asking each Commission member to spend some time between June and Labor Day visiting the park, taking notes that can be brought back to the group and share at the September meeting. Paul wants to make sure the improvements are meeting expectations and determine if there are any additions that need to be made. Andy Wietecky believes the improvements help control that area and his only suggestion would be an additional 50 feet of buoys to extend into the water. Bill Ganzlin asked Andy to send out a message to the group so the absent members know about the assignment.

D. Marketfest Product Sales

Andy Wietecky shared with the Commission that the City is looking for ways to help fund the flower program by seeking donations. There was a flyer mailed with the utility bills requesting donations and so far it has been a successful campaign raising roughly \$5,200 to date. On top of the flyer campaign, the City has stickers and magnets to sell and all of the proceeds will go the flower fund. Andy instructed the group how to complete the transaction for these items that the Park Advisory Commission will be selling at Marketfest.

E. Marketfest New Location

The Park Advisory Commission booth location has changed to booth number W-24 on Washington Avenue in front of Cobblestone restaurant. This will be the location moving forward with the exception of the last week when the Commission tent will be on Fourth Street with all the other city tents. Andy will send out an e-mail regarding the location change.

## 7. DISCUSSION

A. Staff updates.

a. Graffiti/Vandalism Update

Andy updated the Commission that the changes made to lock the restrooms up earlier have helped with the vandalism in the City's park restrooms. The issues aren't completely gone but the amount of vandalism is nothing compared to what the City had been dealing with at the beginning of the season.

B. Commission member updates

None.

## 8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Commission, it was moved by member **Mark Cermak** seconded by member **Mike Shepard** to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 pm.

Motion carried, 4:0