

**MINUTES OF THE  
WATERTOWN PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION**  
Regular Meeting Wednesday, January 16, 2019

DeAnna Clemens  
Danette Painschab  
Joel Skoog  
Tim Staloch  
Breianna Brandenburg

Brad Kipp  
Adam Pawelk

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Danette Painschab called the Watertown Park Commission meeting to order at 6:29 p.m. Wednesday, January 16, 2019 in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Park Commission members present: Painschab, DeAnna Clemens, Tim Staloch, Brei Brandenburg and Joel Skoog. Council liaison: Adam Pawelk. Staff members present: City Administrator Shane Fineran and Clerk-Treasurer Lynn Tschudi.

CLEMENS MOVED, STALOCH SECONDED A MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. ALL PRESENT VOTED AYE, MOTION CARRIED.

2. New Business

A. Approve October 17th, 2018 Meeting Minutes

STALOCH MOVED, CLEMENS SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 17, 2018. ALL PRESENT VOTED AYE, MOTION CARRIED.

B. 2019 Commission Officer Selection

City Administrator Fineran explained that city code requires appointment of the chair for an annual term.

STALOCH MOVED, BRANDENBURG SECONDED A MOTION TO NOMINATE PAINSCHAB AS CHAIR FOR 2019. ALL PRESENT VOTED AYE, MOTION CARRIED.

C. Wetland Complex Naming

Painschab asked for an update on the 30<sup>th</sup> Street Trail Complex. Fineran said in November the county was tilling in preparation for planting native seeds. Construction of the water control functions are currently out for bid within the county.

Painschab reviewed the four proposed names for the wetland complex:

1. Wilds of Watertown
2. Wetland Trails
3. Wetlands of Watertown
4. Watertown Wetlands

The names were suggested at the public engagement for the complex. Painschab would like to see the name be neutral of any neighborhoods, therefore dismissing the Wilds of Watertown. Commission agreed on eliminated the Wilds of Watertown. Skoog and Staloch are in favor of the Wetlands of Watertown. Clemens and Brandenburg would like to use the Wetland Trails. Pawelk

suggested combining the last two options: Wetland Trails of Watertown.

CLEMENS MOVED, SKOOG SECONDED A MOTION TO SUGGEST TO COUNCIL THE NAME OF "THE WETLAND TRAILS OF WATERTOWN". ALL PRESENT VOTED AYE, MOTION CARRIED.

### 3. Adjournment

Fineran said the disc golf course will again be on the 2019 goals for the commission. Construction would be targeted for late fall. Skoog asked if it would be 9 or 18 holes. Fineran said likely 9 holes.

A trail and sidewalk master plan is also on the list of goals for the commission. The master plan will help with budgeting.

Fineran updated on the Forest Hills 8<sup>th</sup> Addition consisting of 37 homes. The park dedication collected will allow the commission to start phasing the playground in Forest Hills for completion.

Fineran said the Highway 25 urbanization project is still on track for year 2020. MNDOT is planning on funding most of the project, with the city funding additional trails near Highland Park to connect to the Luce Line Trail.

Clemens asked about the 2019 mill and overlay project on Newton Avenue. Fineran said a portion of Newton will be widened in order to become a consistent width along the road. Newton will then be striped in order to calm traffic.

Fineran updated on the new park commission member, Brad Kipp. Kipp is looking to become involved in the community. Fineran said there is still one vacancy open due to Hansen-Begg resigning at the end of 2018.

Painschab asked if there are any imminent park repairs needed in 2019. Fineran said the Grove Street rink is in need of replacing the boards and potentially the pavement.

SKOOG MOVED, CLEMENS SECONDED A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:07 P.M. ALL PRESENT VOTED AYE, MOTION CARRIED.