

# ***Murray County Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission*** Minutes

June 6, 2019

The Murray County Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission convened on June 6, 2019 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room of the Murray County Government Center in Slayton. The following voting members were present: Leroy Reese (Chair), Rae Storm (Vice Chair), Justin Hoffmann, Tom Kappes, and Les Speckmeier. Ex-officio members in attendance were Jean Christoffels and Amy Rucker. Heidi Sorenson was in attendance as well.

Chair Reese called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

## **Open Forum:**

No one was present for Open Forum.

## **Agenda:**

**MSP: Hoffmann, Storm to approve the agenda with one change.**

## **Secretary's Report:**

**MSP: Speckmeier, Kappes to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2019 meeting.**

**MSP: Speckmeier, Hoffmann to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2019 meeting.**

## **Park Director's Report:**

- Bob Miller resigned. His job has been posted. Applications are due June 17.
- Seasonal workers have been hired. Dennis Lickness returned this year. Howard Konkol, Colby Frisk, and Andrew Coulter were hired as well.
- Parks personnel are catching up on mowing and trimming.
- Kayla Smith reviewed the Parks ordinance and advised that fine amounts needed to be established. On June 4, the County Board set a \$100 fine for all county parks ordinance violations. The ordinance will be recorded.
- There will be a wedding September 14 at Corabelle Park.
- Justin is getting quotes for blacktop overlays at Seven Mile and East Lake Sarah Parks. He will need to bring those quotes to the County Board.
- Justin wants to remove seven trees at East Lake Sarah before installing the new playground equipment. The County Board approved hiring Scott Peschges to remove the trees.
- The structural support for the fishing pier at Marsh's Landing was bent and needed to be fixed. It was installed on-site today.
- On Monday, June 10, Justin will meet with the Monday Study Club at Seven Mile Lake Park to talk about the parks.
- Due to the unusually wet spring, the dock was not able to be installed at Sundquist Park until yesterday
- The playground company wants to install all three playgrounds in one shot. Before that can happen, a sidewalk needs to be poured at Sundquist, trees need to be removed at East Sarah as mentioned earlier, and the old playground needs to be removed at Swenson Park.
- The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has informed Justin that there was a fish kill at Currant Lake. Only carp were affected.

**Old Business:**

*Gilbertson Property*

Heidi Sorenson explained that she is having difficulty getting insurance coverage for the land. At this time the family’s preference would be to have the County lease the land. Jean Christoffels explained that the water is not considered “public waters”, it is a wetland. She also reported that the DNR considers the dam to be in “fair” condition and there are issues with the culvert. We don’t know yet how owning or leasing the land will affect the county’s insurance premium. Heidi will keep researching insurance coverage and Amy Rucker will find how the county’s insurance will be affected.

**MSP: Speckmeier, Storm to send a letter to Heidi Sorenson stating that the Parks Board would not recommend to the County Board that the County lease the Gilbertson property.**

*Seven Mile Lake Park Project Update*

This project is almost done. The frisbee disc course is done. Sand has been added. The shoreline has been cleaned up. Posts will be added for hammocks. Rock will be added along the shoreline.

*Sundquist Park Update*

Electrical upgrades to the eight campsites are done. Doom and Cuypers are ready to pour footings for the restroom. Justin would like the sidewalks to be put in as soon as possible so the fishing pier and playground can be put in.

*Yard Light at East Lake Sarah*

No updates at this time.

**New Business:**

There was no new business discussed.

**Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be on August 8 at 5:30 p.m. It will begin at East Lake Sarah County Park and then move to Sundquist County Park.

**MSP: Hoffmann, Storm to adjourn at 6:43 p.m.**

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Secretary –Murray County Parks & Recreation  
Advisory Commission

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President – Murray County Parks & Recreation  
Advisory Commission