

CITY OF MEDINA
Park Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 17, 2014

Medina City Hall | Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Adam called the November 17, 2014, Medina Park Board meeting to order at 4:56 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Drew Blazey, Gabriele Dickmann, Susan Loren-Taylor, Collette McMullen, Penny Martin, and Chair Miles Adam.

Absent: Vice-Chair Susan Flagg

Staff Present: Joe Willis, Director of Public Works; Michael Sauerwein, City Manager; Kristin McKenna, Deputy City Clerk; Pat Crickmore, Public Works Supervisor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (4:57 pm)

Chair Adam advised the Board that the Lifeguard presentation was moved to the January 20, 2015 agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION BLAZEY/SECOND MARTIN TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 14, 2014 PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED 6-0 AT 4:58 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT (4:58 pm)

There were 2 individuals in the audience that were there to comment on item #4 under new business. At this time Chair Adam rearranged the public comment to coincide with the discussion of new business item #4. Chair Adam also rearranged new business so that item #4 would be moved to item #1. There was no other public comment.

NEW BUSINESS (4:59 pm)

Indian Trail Discussion Including Review of Possible Nuisance Trees (4:59 pm)

Board member Blazey provided some background information to the Park Board regarding Indian Trail. Blazey discussed the park system and its lack of definition in the Medina Municipal Code (MMC) and that it is really contained in the comprehensive plan. Blazey had a plat showing how properties were subdivided back in the early 1900's. Blazey confirmed that the tree in question is on City property and that according to City policy the City only takes out a tree when it is deemed hazardous. The tree in question was evaluated by the City's Tree Consultant, Tom Early. At that time it was determined that the tree was not hazardous so there was no legitimate reason to take the tree out. There was discussion among the Park Board, The City Manager and the Public Works Director and they concluded that the Park Board had made a true representation of the location and background of the tree in question.

5:10 pm – At this time Chair Adam welcomed public comments. Medina resident Joanne Furgason, who lives at 7719 NE 24th St, addressed the Board. She expressed her concern over the Ash tree that is on City property and said it was over producing seed pods that are dropping and blowing onto her property. She stated it has become out of control and the pods are in everything. She said this has been an ongoing issue but it was especially bad this year. Resident Furgason had a box full of the pods that she passed around for the Board to examine. She said she just could not keep up with the maintenance of cleaning up these pods anymore. She stated she was at a loss of what to do but had asked, if at the very least, if some of the branches could be trimmed back.

Chair Adam sympathized with Furgason's situation but advised her that the issue regarding the Ash tree was not something the Park Board would be involved in. Public Works Director Joe Willis told resident Furgason that he would have the City's Tree Consultant, Tom Early, come out to re-evaluate the tree and he would advise her of the results.

Medina resident Brenzy Grabowski also addressed the Board. She too indicated the pods were out of control and are in everything including her paper and her roof.

Chair Adam confirmed with the residents that this situation is not something that the Park Board would have authority over. He suggested they take up some of their issues with the Public Works Department.

Draft 2015 Park Board Work Plan: (5:28 pm)

Chair Adam went over the work plan with the Board and Public Works Director Joe Willis.

MOTION LOREN-TAYLOR/SECOND MARTIN TO APPROVE THE 2015 PARK BOARD WORK PLAN. MOTION CARRIED 6-0 AT 5:39 PM.
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Response to City Council 2014 Work Plan: (5:40 pm)

Chair Adam summarized with the Board that the Council had, in 2014, assigned them to see if the Board was interested in making a strategic statement about expanding park land. After discussion, the Board decided not to address this task and concluded it would remain incomplete.

Proposed 2015 Park Board Meeting Calendar: (5:50 pm)

The Board discussed the proposed 2015 meeting calendar. Chair Adam wanted to have 11 meetings during the 2015 calendar year skipping only the December meeting. Other members only wanted to hold 10 meetings.

MOTION BLAZEY/SECOND LOREN-TAYLOR TO ELIMINATE THE JUNE 2015 MEETING. MOTION CARRIED 5-1 AT 5:50 PM.
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OTHER BUSINESS (5:52 pm)

Chair Adam confirmed with City Manager Mike Sauerwein that the 2015 Budget was adopted.

PARK REPORTS (5:53 pm)

Viewpoint – Board member Loren-Taylor commented on the bench. Chair Adam said he nothing more and also stated he was excited to see the bench go in. Board member Blazey commented that the lock was still in place. Public Works Supervisor Pat Crickmore confirmed he would have it removed.

Medina Park – Board member Dickmann said the park looked good. Member Loren-Taylor commented on the gravel, stating she loved seeing it. She also stated that Public Works employee, Ken Evjen, confirmed that the laying of gravel by the dog station near 82nd Street would be done soon. Member McMullen stated the park looked good. Chair Adam commented that the map is missing at 5 corners and that wood from the old Par Course should be removed. Public Works Supervisor Pat Crickmore confirmed that the shop is in the process of making new maps and that they would remove the wood.

Medina Beach Park – Board member Dickmann had nothing new. Chair Adam had nothing new.

Lake Lane – Board member Martin had nothing new.

Indian Trail – Board member Martin said everything looks fine. Member Blazey said it looked pretty good.

Fairweather– Board member McMullen commented that she saw the railings and thanked Public Works for that. She also stated that work was beginning on the stairs that lead from the lid to Fairweather Park. Member Blazey had nothing new.

Public Works Supervisor Pat Crickmore informed the Board that he and Public Works employee Ken Evjen had walked through Fairweather Park last week and removed one down tree and one tree that was drastically leaning.

Chair Adam thanked Pat Crickmore for the wonderful clean up job he and his crew had done after the big storm.

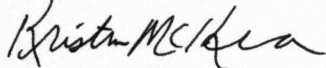
Board member Loren-Taylor suggested that the City look into using coiled hoses for the dog washing stations. The regular hoses tend to crack easily and need replacing often.

Chair Adam reminded the Board that the next meeting will be Tuesday January 20, 2015. He also thanked City Manager Mike Sauerwein, Public Works Director Joe Willis, Public Works Supervisor Pat Crickmore and Deputy City Clerk Kristin McKenna for all their support and hard work. Chair Adam also thanked the Park Board for all their hard work and expressed how happy he was with all the work they accomplished this year.

ADJOURNMENT

The November 17, 2014 meeting of the Medina Park Board adjourned at 6:10 pm.

Minutes taken by:



Kristin McKenna, Deputy City Clerk