

CITY OF HOPKINS
PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 22, 2021

A regular meeting of the Hopkins Park Board was held on February 22, 2021.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Kyle Kaczmarek, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Present were Park Board members Kyle Kaczmarek, Emma Figgins, Meg Slindee and Anna Pohmer. Kimberly Schlauderaff was absent. Members attended virtually via Zoom video conference. Also present via Zoom video conference was Steve Stadler, City of Hopkins PW Director/Park Board City staff liaison.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for the January 25, 2021 Park Board Meeting:

Kyle Kaczmarek made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Emma Figgins. **The motion passed with a 4-0 vote.**

IV. BUSINESS

A. Exploring Hopkins Parks

There was brief discussion about the first Park activity sheet for Hilltop Park. Members have received positive feedback on the Hilltop Park activity sheet. There has been little general public feedback to-date via the assigned email address, parks@hopkinsmn.com. The Board agreed to discuss this topic again at next month's meeting and perhaps decide which park to highlight under the Exploring Hopkins Parks program with the next activity sheet and the timing for it.

B. U of M student Capstone project reports

There was discussion on the report entitled: The City of Hopkins: Advancing Park Equity and Accessibility. In considering the recommendations from the report, the Board expressed interest in pursuing a goal of improving the accessibility of park features for kids of all abilities. Also, there was interest in looking into park inter-connectivity and perhaps upgrading pedestrian and/or bicycle connections between parks and between parks and the regional trails. It was suggested that a map or a sign at parks showing the existing connections would be beneficial. There was also brief discussion regarding the park improvement funding options presented in the report. Stadler stated that he would forward the other park-related report entitled: Enhancement of Native Vegetation in Parks and Right of Ways. He will also forward for member reference chapter 8 of the 2040 Comprehensive Plan covering Parks and Trails and the associated appendix. There will be further discussion on the reports' recommendations at future meetings.

C. Park Board 2021 goals/priorities

After short discussion, the Board agreed to review their past goals and proposed work plan at the March meeting.

D. Other Topics of Interest

There was discussion about the need to meet with the City Council again to present Park Board goals and priorities for the park system. There will be more discussion on the timing and topics to be presented at a future joint meeting with the City Council. Stadler mentioned that there has been some park dedication fees received since the last meeting. The Vista 44 project contributed \$150,000 and the upcoming Raspberry Ridge II project will contribute another \$129,000 perhaps later this year. Kyle asked for an updated Park Improvement Fund working capital report for the next meeting.

F. Park Area Assignment Report

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| Kyle Kaczmarek: | Nothing to report (NTR) |
| Emma Figgins: | NTR |
| Megan Slindee: | NTR |
| Kim Schlauderaff: | Absent |
| Anna Pohmer: | NTR |

V. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

The next regular Park Board Meeting is 6:30 pm on Monday, March 22, 2021 at City Hall, 1010 1st St S.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Kyle Kaczmarek moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Anna Pohmer. **The motion passed 4-0.** The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.



Attest: _____
Steve Stadler, Park Board Staff Liaison