

**HOPKINS PARK BOARD
REGULAR MEETING PROCEEDINGS
MARCH 28, 2022**

Emma Figgins: Buffer, Central: Central Park playground has some good potential and hopefully can be a priority item with the consultants. There is a waterfall coming from the field to the street at Central.

Meg Slindee: Harley Hopkins, Maetzold Field: Nothing to report (NTR)

Anna Pohmer: Burnes, Hilltop: N/A

Dre Jefferson: Cottageville, Park Valley: N/A

Emily Waitz: Minnehaha Creek Preserve, Valley: NTR

Matthew Miller: Oakes, Hiawatha Oakes Preserve: Oakes Park flooded- ducks and geese were floating around.

Kimberly Stiele: Elmo, Downtown: NTR

Annika Burman: Interlachen, Shady Oak Beach: Interlachen Park was wet.

Misheel Battur: Interlachen, Shady Oak Beach: NTR

GENERAL BUSINESS

Review and Recommend a Consultant for the Master Park System Plan

Imihy gave the board an overview of the master parks plan process, which includes consultant interviews and proposal summaries. At this meeting, Imihy was looking for the board to make a recommendation to the city council to be considered at their April 5 meeting. Members Jefferson and Pohmer were not present at this meeting but both chose the consulting firm Confluence. Imihy gave the board an overview of how the budget and payment works with the firms. Slindee stated the board will want to start talking about amendments to proposals if needed and which parks the board would like to see prioritized.

After a preliminary vote, the board members discussed who they would like to hire and their reasons why, including community engagement and sustainability. All present members noted they would like to choose Confluence. It was noted the board would like see the consultant put sustainability in the forefront of their planning and know that it is a priority for them.

Motion by Stiele. Second by Miller.

Motion to Recommend Confluence as Consulting Team to the City Council

Ayes: All.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Imihy asked the board to see if there are any areas of the proposal that need more detail. The board discussed assigning a dollar amount for potential proposal amendments that might be needed.

Motion by Waitz. Second by Stiele.

Motion to Increase Number Park Master Plans to Five and an Additional \$20,000.

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Member Miller voiced concern about the amount of money being spent for planning and not leaving enough in the budget for action. Imihy noted it would likely be less than \$20,000, closer to \$10,000 that would be needed. The board discussed and Imihy answered questions. She let them know the proposal can be amended at any time and the board discussed what parks need a master plan in the proposal. Imihy let the board know an ADA consultant has been hired to assess the parks.

Member Waitz moved to Amend Motion to add three park master plans to the proposal and increase the budget up to but not to exceed \$12,000.

Members discussed issues with specific parks that may need a master plan and debated which would be most deserving. The board voted on six total park master plans in the proposal.

Ayes: All.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

The board continued to discuss the future process of the proposals, including community engagement.

Motion by Figgins. **Second** by Waitz.

Motion to increase engagement budget by \$6,000.

Members discussed possible issues with the budget and moved forward with a vote.

Ayes: All present members with the exception of Miller.

Nays: Miller. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Park Board and upon a motion by Waitz, second by Miller, the meeting was unanimously adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lizzie Miller, Administrative Assistant

ATTEST:



Meg Slindee, Park Board Chair