

**MINUTES
MAPLE PLAIN PARKS COMMISSION
MAPLE PLAIN CITY HALL
July 27, 2017
7:00 PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Commission Chair John Timpe called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Commission Chair John Timpe, Parks Commissioners Jeff Brown and Dana Oas, Councilmember Dominic Broda, City Administrator Robert Schoen, Assistant to the City Administrator Nicole Kathman.

Absent: Park Commissioner Mike Rippberger

II. ADOPT AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Oas, seconded by Commissioner Brown, to adopt the July 27, 2017 Maple Plain Parks Commission Agenda. Motion passed.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Commission Chair Tempe shared that he was approached about having permanent bases on the softball fields at Rainbow Park. Commission Chair Tempe stated the league desiring them would have to pay for them. There was concern as they would need a locked place to store the bases. Conversations were going to continue with the group.

Commission Chair Tempe also shared that Mound High School baseball team is interested in using the baseball field for their spring season. Park Commissioners expressed concern with the increased maintenance and damage to the field. Administrator Schoen stated that it was the decision of the Parks Commission if they would permit the use and what the charges would be. Commissioner Chair Tempe was going to follow up with the Athletic Director.

Parks Commissioner Oas asked about the following components being added and/or upgraded:

- Sand Volleyball Court at Northside Park
- Lights at Northside Park
- Golf practice cage and putting green at Pioneer Park

Assistant to the City Administrator Kathman stated that they could look into a volleyball court during the project changing Northside Park to Veterans Memorial Park. She stated that they could investigate the possibility of the

golfing components at Pioneer and noted that current staff did not know about a past request for this.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Discuss Maple Plain Day Events

Assistant to the City Administrator Kathman provided an overview of the second Maple Plain Event to be held on August 1, 2017. She gauged the interest of the Parks Commission to help out with serving and setting up the Community Picnic. Park Commissioners stated they were interested in helping out. A list of needed supplies that was provided by Park Commissioner Brown was gone through to make sure the City is ready for the event.

B. Discuss Alcohol and Tobacco in City Parks

Assistant to the City Administrator Kathman stated that at the last meeting the Parks Commission gave City staff the direction of receiving attorney feedback on allowing alcohol and tobacco during baseball games. She told Park Commissioners that the City Attorney had stated that the City either needs to enforce it's currently policy entirely or change the ordinance.

Park Commissioners expressed that there has not been any issues with alcohol. They agreed that consumption should be allowed, but not selling.

Motion by Commissioner Oas, seconded by Commissioner Brown, to recommend to the City Council to remove City Code Section 95.02(F).

VI. COMMISSION REPORTS & OTHER BUSINESS

Administrator Schoen asked the Commission what they thought about moving the meeting time to earlier in the evenings. It was agreed that starting with the next meeting the start time would be 5 pm instead of 7 pm.

VII. VISITORS TO BE HEARD

Note: This is a courtesy extended to persons wishing to address the Parks Commission who are not on the agenda. A completed public comment form should be presented to the city administrator prior to the meeting; presentation will be limited to 3 minutes. This session will be limited to 15 minutes.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Oas, to adjourn the July 27, 2017 Parks Commission Meeting. Motion Passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Kathman,
Assistant to the City Administrator