

City of Minnetonka Beach
Park Commission Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2013

Members Present: Chair Patty Rezabek, Commissioners; Amy Johnson, Jody Sperduto
Absent: Commissioners, Rick Manning, Robb Ball, and David McNichols
Staff Present: City Clerk Diane Tiegs

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION PLAN/ PARTY RESPONSIBLE
Call to Order & Oath of Office	Chair Rezabek called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. Oath of office was administered to new Park Commissioner David McNichols Introduction of Commissioners.	Chair Rezabek City Clerk Tiegs
Approve Agenda		MMSP Ball/Johnson
Approve Minutes of November 15, 2012	Clarification of the stated \$4,900 spent on weed pulling. Actually that figure included the labor and payment to Biffs. Milfoil removal cost/beach clean-up \$1,500.	Motion made by Commissioner Sperduto and seconded by Commissioner Ball to approve the November 15, 2012, meeting minutes and add the clarification in the January 13 th 2013 minutes. Motion carried.
Annual Commissioner Assignments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair Rezabek, Reforestation • Commissioner Johnson, Beach • Commissioner EAB, Chair Rezabek & Commissioner Sperduto • Treasurer, Commissioner Ball 	Commission
Action Items	Reviewed and updated.	Commission
Maintenance:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ray Peters Park Clean-up 	Thank you was extended to Commissioner Sperduto for the clean up at the park. A spring clean-up should be scheduled.	Commission
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review EAB Mgmt Plan Draft 	Commissioner Ball reviewed the recommended EAB plan for Minnetonka Beach. In summary for the next three years the cost per year to treat the 292 ash trees on public property will be \$8,000. If surrounding communities contain the	Commissioner Ball and Park Commissioners

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	<p>spread a softer approach could be taken with less expense on an annual basis by treating 40% with pesticide by applying the product to 1/2 of the trees each year. EAB affects all types of ash trees.</p> <p>Implementation should begin with determining and removing the hazardous and weak trees.</p> <p>Commissioner Sperduto asked if winter was a less expensive time to do tree trimming. Chair Rezabek responded no.</p> <p>All edits are due to Commissioner Ball on January 31. If there is need for further discussion a meeting will be held on February 4, 2013. Commissioner Ball will present the recommendation to Council in February.</p>	
Budget 2013	<p>The Commission discussed hiring young adults or retirees for beach clean-up paying \$10 per hour. March/April publish an article in Beachcomber asking for interested youth or senior citizens to assist with beach cleanup on a weekly basis stating there could be some heavy lifting, with increased frequency during the month of July and twice a week in August. Time commitment is about 1 hour daily. Chair Rezabek will ask Kelly Jackson if he is still going to work on the beach over the summer months and speak to Larry Fontaine about chemically treating the weeds at the beach.</p>	<p>Motion made by Commissioner Sperduto and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to explore a potential youth worker for summer employment. Place an ad in the Beachcomber looking for area beach clean-up help age 16-95 years old.</p> <p>Chair Rezabek</p>
Commissioner & Other Reports:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> February Council Report 	<p>Presentation of the budget and EAB plan to the Council at the February 11, 2013 meeting.</p>	<p>Chair Rezabek and Commissioner Ball.</p>
New Business		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EAB Workshop February 	<p>February 12, 2013 EAB workshop. Chair Rezabek would like other Commissioners to attend.</p>	<p>Chair Rezabek and Commissioner Sperduto</p>
Old Business		

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gift 	<p>Reviewed the proposed brochure and will have final edits by the April meeting. The Commission discussed how to acknowledge donors. A suggestion to solicit interest would be an article about the number of trees that could be removed due to disease.</p>	<p>Commissioner Johnson</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eagle Scout Project 	<p>Resident David Boschwitz updated the Park Commission on his Eagle Scout project. He met with Jessica Galatz of the Hennepin County Regional Rail Authority, Matt Rougie of Tree Trust, Boe Carlson of Three Rivers Park District, Craig Christianson from Midwest Turf, and City Administrator Griffin. His next step will be to get measurements of the area and determine the number of plantings needed. Erosion control suggestions for substantial barriers, suggested materials were med sized rocks and treated wood. Bare root trees would be cost effective but they only have a 30% survival rate. Three Rivers Park District (TRPD) will provide equipment for the project. Permits for Hennepin County Regional Rail Authority (HCRRA) will be applied for through the City. Rezabek stated Mr. Ferguson is gone until spring and cannot help with the grant applications. Chair Rezabek suggested David Boschwitz work with Commissioner Manning. Commissioners stated that they understand volunteers will help do the installation for the project but where is the funding coming from. Grants need to be applied for now to have funds available to start the project this spring. David Boschwitz was asked to confirm what trees TRPD will provide. The faster trees are established the better chance to keep buckthorn at bay. Project start date is anticipated for May.</p>	<p>David Boschwitz and Commissioner Manning</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dock Language in 2013 	<p>Submit memo to council for February meeting.</p>	<p>Staff</p>
<p>Meeting Dates 2013</p>	<p>Group email on first Tues.</p>	<p>Staff</p>
<p>Deer</p>	<p>No action at this time.</p>	

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Tiegs, City Clerk