

**Monday, July 23, 2020 5:15 PM**  
**CITY OF MINNETONKA BEACH**  
**PARK COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**Roll Call:** Chair Joe Pagano, Vice Chair Katie Norman, Chris Dovolis, Dan Forbes (late), Harlan Lehman, Kim Petersen, and Patty Rezabek. Council Liaison Tracey Breazeale. Mayor Jaci Lindstrom.  
Absent: none

**Staff Present:** City Administrator Pat Melvin

**Resident Attendees:** Bob & Kathy Gillum, Vibhu Sharma, Dennis Klohs, David's iPad, jsteinke's iPad, Gerry & Joann Anderson, Jodi Schwendimann, Kramers

**1. Chair Pagano called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.**

Approve Agenda – July 7, 2020

**Rezabek motion, Norman second to approve the July 7, 2020 agenda. Roll call vote: Dovolis - aye, Forbes - aye, Lehman – aye, Norman -aye, Petersen – aye, Rezabek -aye. The motion carried.**

1.1. Council Directives

Pagano stated this is the first time the Park Commission is discussing the Livingston proposal. The task force findings and Livingston proposal were received by the city July 17, 2020 and on July 20 where those items were discussed, and residents provided input.

Commissioners identified items needing more information:

- Site suitability - includes drainage and position of the playground within the park - tree canopy effect on wetness of playground area to protect donation
- Financial model to ensure the donation covers all of the work
- Current state of parks: safety, accessibility, and suitability

Additional conversation:

Rezabek: wants information on what was placed under the swing bay was during the last reconfiguration and if it will remain in place. Information on blue drainpipe and what it is draining. Will current drainage remain or not? She also stated that a city-wide drainage study done of flooding areas in 2014 listed Lafayette Road near Half Moon as a priority 3. She wants information of when and if that improvement to the stormwater pipe along Lafayette road is completed and its effect on Half Moon park now and as its effect on the park with Amundsen's drainage proposal with the playground as presented.

Norman: drainage needs to be addressed first to determine if a playground should be placed there and a thorough study should be done first.

Forbes stated that Parks should discuss general plans for Half Moon as they existed before the Livingston donation was an item. Dovolis asked if the city would have invested in drainage of the park if there was no donation.

Breazeale stated that people are looking for assurance that drainage will improve the area and not make it worse for surrounding properties. She suggested that Parks could make a recommendation contingent on the drainage. Pagano stated they are trying to identify what they need more information on before making recommendations.

Forbes stated that the Park Commission is not responsible to make decisions on city policy and council needs to decide on the donation policy regarding naming and signage. He also stated that there is discomfort with a donation of this magnitude by some residents and that is also a council decision. The donation policy encourages donations, but it does not encompass donations this size. The Park Commission needs to either have clarity on these items or proceed with the assumption that their recommendation is contingent on these decisions.

Lindstrom agreed with Forbes and stated that Council is not tasking Parks to make a higher up decision (naming, plaque, policy). They are asking recommendations on equipment and drainage. The Park Commission does not need to make recommendations outside of the scope of the Park Commission

Pagano suggested they form teams to address each of the items and report back at the Aug. 4 meeting:

Site suitability (utilities, drainage, position of playground and tree canopy) – Amundsen, Rezabek, Pagano, Brian Berent

Financial – Norman, Davida Suiter

Current state of parks for safety, accessibility and suitability – Petersen and Dovolis

Other commissioners will be involved as needed. Lehman will audit playground and surface components. Forbes will also be involved. Age group, ambiance, and other components will be discussed later.

Jodi Schwendimann stated there is consensus there is a drainage concern at Half Moon Park. Livingston was going to donate just the playground and then she thought she may be able to help with the drainage. She asked how can the city accept the donation on the playground and have her pay some costs for drainage and have the city also pay some costs of drainage to protect the donation. Pagano stated they need to get the information on the site suitability to make sure it will accomplish what Livingston wants to accomplish. They also want to understand finances and see more detailed information from at the next meeting. They are doing what they can to protect the donation to deliver the best playground. Pagano suggested that Livingston Strong work with Davida Suiter on finances to keep the process moving forward.

- 1.2. Scope
- 1.3. Discussion
- 1.4. Recommendation
- 1.5. Adjournment

**Forbes motion, Dovolis second to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Dovolis - aye, Forbes - aye, Lehman – aye, Norman -aye, Petersen – aye, Rezabek -aye. The motion carried.**

**The meeting adjourned at 6:08 pm.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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**Heidi Honey, City Clerk**

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