



# Parks & Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes, April 18, 2017

1. Meeting called to order at 7:10pm.
2. Roll Call: Bemis, Burdo, Corr, Frost, Holtzer, Kerr, LaFrenz, Olson, Reber
3. Approval of 3/21/17 Minutes: M = Kerr, S = Burdo Ayes: 9 Noes: 0
4. **Open Time for Public Expression:** Matt shared his experience of witnessing high usage of the basketball court and advocated for a full-sized court. Nancy Oswald, on behalf of the tennis league, expressed strong concern about losing the fourth tennis court in the Memorial Park Master Plan. She cited non-local tournament requirements for four courts and the possibility of making the basketball court multiuse with the ability to become a tennis court when needed. Steve, from the American Legion, expressed concern about the possible noise level that might come from the adjacent skateboard park that would affect the special events being held at the Log Cabin. He also voiced his concern regarding the loss of parking spaces in the Master Plan and suggested that, in light of the fact that the park is named Memorial Park, it might be nice to have a memorial. Kay Coleman spoke to the importance of gathering spaces in the Master Plan, emphasizing the current lack of such places in the park, currently. She pointed to the area around the Snack Shack in the plan, that calls for a plaza of sorts, with covered picnic and seating areas, stating that, currently, there is no place at that end of the athletic fields where people may gather to eat and watch the games.
5. **Introduce Dannielle Mauk, new Community Services Director:** Dannielle introduced herself and briefly shared her background with the commission.
6. **Financial Report:**  
The report will be deferred to the May 16th meeting to allow for completion of presentation.
7. **Presentation - Memorial Park Master Plan, Draft Plan Review:**  
Dave Donery, Town Manager and Peter Arnold, project landscape architect, presented the draft plan, answered questions and took suggestions from the commission and general public. Greg Mihan and Mattie O'Grady, Recreation Supervisors, also spoke, briefly, to various issues as they relate to the sports programs and playground programming. After some discussion and acknowledgements, the commission agreed on a motion. Reber moved to recommend this plan as is, noting the following: concerns about the skate park location and its' close proximity to the Log Cabin, concerns about losing the fourth tennis court, consideration of adding a memorial and further consideration of parking - is there too much or not enough. Burdo seconded the motion. Ayes: 6 Noes: 3 Motion passed.
8. **Discussion Items:**
  - A. Staff Presentation - Special Events: Deferred to the June 20th meeting to allow for completion of Memorial Park Master Plan presentation.
  - B. Memorial Park Restroom Painting project - Saturday, April 22nd: Bemis reported that there will be a reduction in volunteers from Drake Leadership from thirty to about ten. Dave Donery reported that the Presbyterian Church leader informed him that he will not be able to attend but put it out to his congregation. AJ Shaw, from DPW, briefly outlined the list of items he has gathered and stated that the wall with the mosaic tiles is grout and cannot be painted, but can be power washed.
9. **Commission comments and questions, requests for future agenda items:**
  - Discussion Item: 501c3