

**PARK/PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING – October 10, 2023**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Fred Keller, Andy Harvala, Tim Eiler, Hayden Cordell, Council Liaison Carolyn Brooks

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**STAFF PRESENT:** Assistant Clerk Kristine DeBoer

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:00 PM

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion made by Eiler and seconded by Cordell to approve the minutes from 09/26/23 Parks & Planning Commission Meeting. Aye 3/0 Harvala abstained, absent

**APPROVAL OF DRAFT LETTER TO BE SENT TO BUSINESSES REGARDING DISPLAYING HOLIDAY DECORATIONS:**

Commission reviewed draft letter to be sent to local businesses.

Motion made by Harvala and seconded by Eiler to approve letter and to send it out to businesses. All aye 4/0

**MEMORIAL PARK PLAYGROUND RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**CATALOGS FROM 3 PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT COMPANIES:**

Commission reviewed catalogs and Brooks stated that a jungle gym and a zipline had been suggested to her by some local kids. Cordell said that when speaking to neighbors it had been suggested that there should be a baby swing. We should explore the possibility of changing one of the swings to a baby swing. Neighbors also commented that water pooled at the bottom of slide and commission suggests that Public Works drill holes at the bottom of the slide to let the water drain.

Motion made by Keller and seconded by Harvala to meet at 6:00 pm in Memorial Park at the next meeting (October 31, 2023) to review the site for placement and size considerations of playground equipment. All aye 4/0

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

09-20-2023 COUNCIL MEETING (FYI)

**UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS:**

**COMMEMORATE VETERANS**

Cordell suggested that a way to commemorate veterans is to have designated parking spots for Veterans – not sure if this could be done at Memorial Park since most of the parking in front is Three Rivers, but it would be a good idea for Missile Park.

**DECORATIONS:**

Staff shared that 4 companies were contacted regarding hanging lights at Memorial Park. Two did not respond, one stated that we didn't have a large enough budget, and we received one quote to light 3 maple trees in front of park for \$2,625 and do roofline of front facing city hall and left side facing Hwy 7 for \$1,120. Commission agreed this was too expensive. Cordell is reviewing Boniface Field for hanging Christmas lights.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion made by Keller and seconded by Cordell to adjourn. All aye 4/0  
7:20 pm

Respectfully Submitted

Kristine DeBoer  
Assistant Clerk