

MINUTES  
PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Brandon Park Advisory Committee met in regular session at 5:15 p.m. on September 21, 2022 at the Brandon City Council Chambers.

Roll call was taken. Members present were Mindy Hansen, Al Kirkeby, Adam Rothenberger and Leigh Zirbel. Also present was Park Superintendent Devin Coughlin. Absent: Member Barb Fish, Member Jon Jacobson, City Administrator Bryan Read and City Engineer Tami Jansma.

Vice-Chairman Al Kirkeby chaired the meeting.

Member Hansen moved Member Rothenberger seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Member Rothenberger moved Member Zirbel seconded to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2022 regular meeting. Motion carried.

A special event application was received from Damian Kardas to host the 2023 Battle of the Badges at Aspen Park on July 22, 2023. Member Hansen moved Member Rothenberger seconded to approve the special event application as presented and made recommendation to City Council for approval, noting that the City will make sure the fields are ready in the case of an event on that Friday night, and using the same fee structure as other associations. Motion carried.

A special event application was received from Josh Willprecht, Celebration United Methodist Church, to host Brandon's Big Celebration at McHardy Park on May 26-28, 2023. Member Rothenberger moved Member Zirbel seconded to approve the special event application as presented and made recommendation to City Council for approval. Motion carried.

A request was received to place a memorial bench at Aspen Park Field A. Lynne Erickson, daughter of Jim Peterson, was present for discussion. Member Zirbel moved Member Rothenberger seconded to approve the placement of the memorial bench at Aspen Park Field A and made recommendation to City Council for approval. Motion carried.

Discussion held on the Middle School tennis lights. Neighborhood concerns with the lights being on until 11:00pm, with no one on the courts. Staff has changed lights to turn off at 10:00pm. It was the consensus of the Committee to leave lights programmed to turn off at 10:00pm. Member Rothenberger will talk with School District and Tennis Association to see if they are interested in helping fund new lights.

The Summer Recreation Program end of year report was presented. Barb Sperlich, Summer Rec Director, was present. Discussion held on having a "business phone" versus staff having to let kids use their personal cell phones to call home. Also need a new air hockey table and table tennis table. No further action required.

The pool end of year report was presented. No action required.

Tree board items – Devin gave an update on the Emerald Ash Borer – bid awarded to Champion Tree Service. Devin will be setting up an Arbor Day event.

Next regular meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 12 or 26, 2022 at 5:15 p.m.

At 6:06 p.m., having no further business, Member Rothenberger moved Member Zirbel seconded to adjourn the Park Advisory Committee meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Melissa Labahn  
Municipal Recording Clerk

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Devin Coughlin  
Park Superintendent