

City of Charlotte
Park Board Meeting Minutes
February 7, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

Present: Chris Burt, Cindy Miller, Abygail Maldonado, Sophie Lupini (Student Liaison), Amy Gilson

Absent: Karen Holtz, Doug Hull, Brad Johnston (Council Liaison)

Minutes of the September 6, 2016 regular meeting were reviewed and approved.

IV New Business

- A. The City was awarded a Consumers Energy tree planting grant in the amount of \$1,900. Fall tree planting is complete. DPW is performing winter tree trimming/ removals.
- B. Bids are being taken again by CARC for the softball fields due to high bids the first time around. The City's portion of the road to the fields is complete. Minutes were attached from CARC's last two meetings.
- C. The City tried to get a revised quote to complete the tennis court project in 2016, but the contractor didn't think they could fit it in. A draft use policy was presented for review and comment. Discussion was held regarding holding the Policy in abeyance because the schools had reportedly committed to building courts in the next two years.
- D. DPW has received no communication regarding the recreation 5 year master plan update.
- E. The Mayor has appointed a new member to the Board, Abygail Maldonado.
- F. Additional information was presented from the Michigan Nordic Festival regarding the request for archery at Lincoln Park and the use of alcohol in City Parks. The Police Department has contacted the railroad and they will not allow archery that close to the tracks. A proposed policy revision to allow alcohol at Lincoln Park was presented and approved. It will be forwarded to the Police and City Council for action.

IV New Business

- A. Next year's budget request list was discussed. They play equipment at Dean Park needs updating and a retaining wall at the back bridge of Bennett Park was requested. They will be included in the budget request.
- B. A request was made by the GFWC to adopt the Veterans Memorial Park. They are proposing to replace the overgrowth at the monuments with low maintenance perennials, generally clean up the area, and possibly create a wood chip walking path. The Board was supportive and appreciative.

C. DPW has been contacted about installing more donated lights at the sledding hill. They donators want the City to make the hole for the new pole happen, but a quote is needed first as the work cannot be done in-house. The Board did not think the light was necessary and were concerned that it would be too bright for the residential neighborhood adjacent to the park.

D. The 2017 meeting schedule was approved:

January 3

February 7

April 11

May 2

September 12

October 3.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.