Birchwood Parks and Natural Resources Committee Meeting City Hall Sept 26, 2017

Meeting Minutes

Members in attendance were: Houstoun Clinch, Bridget Speri, Ana Vang, Judy Walker, James Nelson, Dave Remely. Absent Member: Scott Howe

City Council representative Megan Malvey was present. Larry Walker who has been working on the survey was present.

Meeting was called to order by Houstoun Clinch .

Draft of the Minutes of the previous meeting was distributed for review and approved.

**Discussion items**

Residents Ben Ludwigson and David Huso gave a presentation response to the survey requesting a skate park addition to the Tighe-Schmitz ice skating area. It could be permanent concrete or flexible wood ramps. The idea will be added to the survey responses.

Resident Mr. Charles Kaufmann of 543 Wildwood Ave was also present and a one point in the meeting he requested a change to Tighe-Schmitz Park by having the playground equipment moved to the North end of the park and restoring its present area to a natural setting. His request will also be added to the survey requests. He also mentioned that residents closed to a perk should have greater weight than remote residents.

**Agenda items**

Guiding Principles: Reviewed and approved. Motioned and seconded to send them on to the City Council

Dog Committee: No discussion

Deer Situation: Bridget will check with the DNR on any control methods they may have in place.

Budget: Need overall budget from the City and a breakdown of our responsible items. A question was raised as to where the dock fees go.

Survey feed back. Larry reported more to come, response is big maintenance is a big item

**Other**

Judy suggested it would be a good idea to learn the geology of Tighe-Schmitz Park

**A discussion was held regarding agenda topics for the next meeting Oct 24th, 7pm, They include:**

Update on survey

Budget for Park Development

Deer issue

Funds for Maintenance. Description of each.

Capital improvement plan, sewer, water, roads

Care for new plantings

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