

City of Spring Lake Park
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

The minutes of the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting of January 5, 2021 held at Spring Lake Park City Hall.

1. Call to Order - Meeting called to order 6:32 pm by Chairman Lammers.

2. Roll Call.

Members present: Harlan, Lammers, Hoard, Murphy (6:50pm), Webb, Al-Sarraj

Members absent:

Council/Staff present: Director Okey

Council/Staff absent: Councilmember Wendling

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3. Approval of Minutes. A motion was made by Harlan to approve minutes as submitted. All ayes, motion carried.

4. Discussion from Floor. Introduction of new Commissioners- Shawn Webb and Nemeh Al-Sarraj

5. Commission Member Reports. Commissioner Hoard happy to see his suggestion for player benches at Able Park have been installed. Hoard reported the skating ice at Able was in poor shape over December 26th weekend. Director Okey explained that the Public Works crew had been working diligently to get water down however the December warm weather was a hinder to the process. Public Works is continuing to spray each day. Okey reported that Terrace was not ready to open until January 4th due to poor ice conditions.

Commissioner Lammers reported that sledding at Able Park on Saturday, December 26 was perfect with weather and conditions. Lammers inquired about providing benches at the top near the water tower. Director Okey will check on how to secure bench and how Public Works will work around this bench in the summer.

Commissioner Al-Sarraj reported seeing multiple unleashed dogs at Lakeside Lions Park. Commissioner Harlan stated that the city does have a leash law. Director Okey stated this applies to even the fenced in ball field. If residents see unleashed dogs they are encouraged to contact the police department.

6. **Council Commissioner's Report.** No report
7. **Unfinished Business.** Director Okey noted the Able Park Benches, Terrace Park Playground Equipment and Terrace Park Slide have been installed. Able Park slide was delivered today and will be installed by Public Works. Director Okey reported that Public Works have been working on the Commissioners suggestion of a trail through Lakeside Lions Park wooded area this past month. Trimming trees and laying down wood chips for this circle path along the edge of the woods. The trail is part way finished with wood chips being placed after the snow melts.

8. New Business.

A. Election of Officers. Hoard was elected Chairman and Murphy was elected Vice-Chair.

C. Park Master Plan. Okey stated that the firm WSB was selected to develop the city's first Park Master Plan. The master plan will include a long-range vision for the parks, and will reflect community needs to help guide future decisions about park activities, and capital investment. Commissioners and the public is invited to provide comments throughout the process and details will be posted on the website.

9. Director's Report.

A. Status of ice rinks. Able and Sanburnol rinks opened December 24. Terrace Park opened January 4th. Warming houses remain closed per executive order of the Governor due to COVID-19.

B. Program update. Recreation Department did not mail a catalog to residents in December instead will mail one in February with spring and summer programs.

10. Other. Commissioner Webb suggested a dog park be added to the parks. Okey stated that the Master Park Plan can review that suggestion.

11. Adjournment at 7:08 pm. Harlan made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Hoard. All ayes.

Next meeting is Tuesday, February 2, 6:30 pm Via Zoom

Respectfully submitted by,
Kay Okey