



PARKS & DOCKS COMMISSION  
MEETING AGENDA

June 25, 2022 – 5:30 pm

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
4. CONSENT AGENDA<sup>1</sup>
5. PUBLIC FORUM<sup>2</sup> (*maximum time of five minutes per person*)
6. OLD BUSINESS
  - A. Park Inventory Feedback Discussion / 5 Year Capital Improvement Plan
  - B. Municipal Dock Safety Plan
  - C. Manitou Park Ground-Breaking Event
7. NEW BUSINESS
  - A. None
8. MISCELLANEOUS
9. UPCOMING MEETINGS
  - A. August 4, 2022 – Manitou Park Event – 11:00 am
  - B. August 22, 2022 – Parks & Docks Commission – 5:30 pm
10. ADJOURNMENT

<sup>1</sup>All matters listed within the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine items to be enacted upon by one Commission motion. Items on the Consent Agenda are reviewed in total by the Commission and may be approved through one motion with no further discussion by Commission. Any item may be removed by any Commissioner, staff member or person from the public for separate consideration.

<sup>2</sup>For individuals who wish to address the Commission on subjects which are not a part of the meeting agenda. Typically, the Commission will not take action on items presented at this time but will refer them to staff for review, action and/or recommendation for future action.

# SUMMARY OF PARKS WALKTHROUGH FEEDBACK

## ***Pleasant Park***

1. Walking Trail
  - a. General consensus was that an east /west trail connecting to the playground would not be a worthwhile use of public funds at the current time.
  - b. Also may not make a lot of sense until the playground is upgraded to allow for more inclusive play.
  - c. Could look instead at doing an east / west trail at the north end of the Park to create a walking loop.
2. Wooded Area
  - a. Seems to be differing opinions regarding the level of maintenance the City should perform (i.e. high maintenance with a clean understory vs. more of a natural area).
  - b. Legal liability issues should be understood before making a decision one way or another.
3. Parking Options
  - a. The park lacks a defined parking area and also lacks handicap specific stalls. This may be something to consider as a future project.
4. Concrete Bean Bag Area
  - a. Comment was made that Pleasant Park would potentially be a good area for bean bags, similar to what Three Rivers Park District has done.
5. Volleyball Area
  - a. Comments on the general state of the volleyball area, as well as questioning the amount of use it gets.

## ***Old Orchard Park***

1. Playground
  - a. There seemed to be strong agreement that the playground should be relocated closer to the picnic / pier area to the south.
2. Trail
  - a. Concerns with the condition of the trail. Would a crushed aggregate trail be better? How to handle the burrowing muskrats?
3. Fishing Pier
  - a. Concerns with the condition of the fishing pier. Probably needs to be reconstructed within the next five years. Should a composite material be considered for better durability?
4. Picnic Area
  - a. Consider adding a couple of grills near the picnic area.
5. Guard Rail
  - a. Comments were made that a guard rail may be a good idea to protect the picnic / fishing pier area from the traffic on Co. Rd. 19, especially if the playground is also relocated to that area.

## ***Wekota Park***

1. Tennis Courts
  - a. Several large cracks are present. Is it time for a more substantial repair project (i.e. full replacement of the playing surface vs. simply crack-filling)?
  - b. Pickleball striping should be applied to the other court as well.
2. Biff Area
  - a. The current biff should be replaced with a handicap accessible one.
  - b. Should consider building an enclosure or screen around the biff area.
3. Playground
  - a. General consensus of the playground area was that it was in good condition and that it simply needs to be properly maintained for the time being.
4. Beach Area
  - a. The Beach area could be better defined. Should consider removing grass areas that have encroach into the beach area. Could also use posts with rope or ornamental plantings to better define the beach area.
  - b. Is there anything that can be done about the large tree roots encroaching into the beach area?
  - c. Questions about the need for better signage at the beach.

## ***Crescent Beach***

1. Storage Box
  - a. The storage box should be replaced.
2. Potential Picnic Area
  - a. Is there an area suitable for a picnic table and grill?
3. Beach Area
  - a. Could more be done to better define where the beach area begins and the parking lot ends?