

City of Excelsior
Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

MINUTES

Tuesday, June 10, 2025

106 Center Street, Excelsior, MN 55331 – Entrance located on Center Street
6:15 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Sobiech called the June 10, 2025, Parks and Recreation Commission meeting to order at 6:15 P.M.

Present: Chair Sobiech, Vice Chair Wolfe, and Commissioners Anderson, Bolles, Vogel

Absent: Commissioner Schmidt

Commissioner Smith arrived at approximately 6:23PM

Also present: Public Works Director Amundsen, and Parks Manager Quinn

2. AGENDA APPROVAL

Wolfe moved, Bolles seconded to approve the June 10, 2025 agenda. Motion carried 5/0.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) April 15, 2025 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

Wolfe moved, Bolles seconded to approve the May 13, 2025 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting minutes with the spelling correction to Arey Garden. Motion carried 5/0.

4. CITIZEN REPORTS OR COMMENTS

None

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) Oak Hill Cemetery Improvements

The Commission discussed cemetery improvements including boulder wall construction and erosion control on the hill, gravestone restoration, vault improvements, road improvements and historic registry.

Chair Sobiech discussed the priorities likely being: National Historic Registration, boulder wall/erosion control projects, roadway improvements, gravestone restoration and vault improvements.

Vice Chair Wolfe discussed the importance of exploring historic registration as a first step in the process.

Commissioner Vogel and Commissioner Anderson volunteered to be the cemetery improvement workgroup.

Parks Manager Quinn restated Commissioner Vogel's motion to proceed with a national historic registration evaluation as the first priority followed by prioritizing cemetery projects based off evaluation findings but with boulder wall construction and erosion control likely being the first project or addressed sooner if need be.

Vogel motioned, Bolles seconded to approve the cemetery improvement action plan and workgroup. Carries 6/0

B. Commons Use Policy

Commissioner Vogel presented the Commission with a revised Commons Use Policy which was edited down and put in the form of Q&A. The Commission discussed that the Commons Use Policy should be policy vs. ordinance to allow for more flexibility.

Commissioner Smith motioned to move forward with the current draft of the Commons Use Policy as the Parks and Recreation Commissions official recommendation, Chair Sobiech seconded. Carries 6/0

5. NEW BUSINESS

a) Movies in The Park

The Commission discussed having movies in the Park with the goal of potentially having a movie in The Commons in 2025.

Commissioners Smith, Sobiech, and Vogel volunteered to be members of the movies in The Park workgroup.

6. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

a) City Council and Park Project Updates

Director Amundsen updated the Commission on ballfield construction and schedule.

b) May Financials

7. MISCELLANEOUS/COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Chair Sobiech brought up the Boy Scout can trailer at Studer Park its looks and how it attracts bees. The Commission further discussed the Boy Scout trailer and the compost bins at the gardens.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Vogel moved, Smith seconded to adjourn the June 10, 2025 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting at 7:37PM. Motion carried 6/0.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Quinn, Parks Manager