

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
CITY OF OAK CREEK PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
July 18, 2024**

1. Call Meeting to Order/Roll Call

Chairperson Schreiber-Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:22 pm. The following members were present at roll call: Secretary Beyer, Commissioner Steve Bautch, Commissioner Theys, Commissioner Dudzik. Alderman Guzikowski, Commissioner Druckrey and Commissioner Damask were excused.

Chairperson Schreiber-Johnson introduced the School Board Representative Commissioner Mike Dudzik.

Also present: Planner Melanie Perez, City Engineer Matt Sullivan, Oak Creek Recreation Director Heather Ryan, and Blaise Paul, Chief Business & Finance Officer.

2. Approval of Minutes - June 6, 2024

The Minutes for June 6, 2024 are held over to the August 1, 2024 meeting.

3. New Business

a. Consideration of potential use of a portion of Henry Miller Park for a parking lot to support recreational purposes, pending Oak Creek Franklin School District referendum approval in November 2024.

School Board Commissioner Dudzik provided an overview of the project.

Commissioner Theys talked about the established oak trees and hope that there will be minimal removal of the oak trees. Mr. Blaise stated that the information from the last meeting was taken into consideration to minimize taking down trees. Also the suggested walking path to the pavilion will be considered in the concept plan.

Director Ryan stated that the few trees that will need to be taken down are not oak trees except for one that is not as mature as the others.

Secretary Beyer asked if the trees could be incorporated in the parking lot, and it was said that the trees would go in the middle of the parking lot.

Commissioner Bautch asked about the driveway access to Knights Place.

City Engineer Sullivan commented that this is a conceptual plan, and things can be added to the plan later. Explained the responsibility and the role of the Commission for this plan and any other plans would go through.

Secretary Beyer asked if the parking lot would take away any amenities of the park. City Engineer Sullivan responded that it is an open greenspace and there are no future plans for the use of this park.

Commissioner Bautch ask who would be responsible for building the parking lot since it is City property. City Engineer Sullivan stated that is dependent on the terms and conditions with the School Board. The Commission will make that determination and come up with the terms and conditions if this plan does go forward. But the Common Council will have the final say.

Secretary Beyer asked about the Art in the Park event. Director Ryan stated that the paths and parking lot would help with the event. City Engineer Sullivan stated that the Commission can make recommendation on how the future use of the parking lot can be utilized. The parking lot is part of the park and will follow the park rules.

Commissioner They asked if there was any discussion on materials that will be used. City Engineer Sullivan said the project would follow the green infrastructure requirements because it being over 5,000 square feet and the retention pond will not be needed. Also stated that there are different ways to incorporate the green infrastructure

Secretary Beyer wondered if this would help with the parade routes.

Commissioner Bautch asked about a potential retention pond. City Engineer Sullivan stated that there may not be a retention pond as big. There are several different ways that can be created with the green infrastructure ways to incorporate that would look and work really well.

Commissioner Bautch mentioned the tree replacement ratio. City Engineer Sullivan stated that there is a tree replacement ordinance that must be followed.

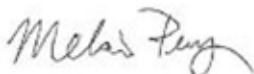
Commissioner Bautch moved that the Parks and Recreation Commission recommends that the Common Council consider conceptual use of that portion of Henry Miller Park as depicted on Exhibit A for future recreational use. Seconded by Commissioner Dudzik. All voted aye.

All agreed that this may bring attention to the park. City Engineer Sullivan stated that this will go to the August 5th Common Council meeting.

4. Adjournment

Secretary Beyer moved to adjourn. Commissioner Theys seconded. All voted aye. The meeting was adjourned at 6:39 pm.

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Respectfully Submitted,



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