

ST. ALBANS CITY PARKS COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2016

6:00 PM

HOUGHTON PARK

Commission Members Present: Stina Booth, Barbara Weinstein, Joan McGinn, Jeff Young, Angie Sturm,
Members arriving late: Tom Koldys, Peter Chevalier

Staff Members Present: Kelly Viens, Director of Recreation

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Discussion</u>	<u>Action</u>
1. Call to Order.		This meeting was called to order by at 6:17 PM.
2. Elect new Chair and Vice Chair	<p>Review the process of how this election proceeds. Members are unclear if the Council is in charge of the election.</p> <p>Peter's 7 year old son is in need of more and more of his time and Peter's business has grown immensely.</p> <p>Great Thanks for your time and working with us Peter!</p> <p>Motion by Joan to elect Tom as Chair, Tom accepts. Seconded by Barb.</p> <p>Motion by Peter to elect Joany as Vice Chair, Joany accepts. Seconded by Angie.</p>	<p>Commission will vote and then bring it to the Council for guidance and approval.</p> <p>Peter will write an e-mail, giving notice of his resignation. Not only as Chair of this commission but he will also be giving up his seat.</p> <p>Chair position will be voted on today and Kelly will notify Kristen of the open seat.</p> <p>Unanimous vote elects Tom Koldys as Chair of Parks Commissions.</p> <p>Unanimous vote elects Joan as Vice Chair of Parks Commissions.</p>
3. Houghton Park Discussion a. Adult exercise equipment being used by children (D&V)	<p>It is brought to the attention that the exercise equipment is not getting the intended use. These items are for adults but it seems that many children are</p>	<p>Kelly will refer to the literature for height, weight and age requirements/limitations that may have been set by the manufacturer.</p>

<p>b. RiseVT – new grant for additional piece of equipment.</p>	<p>enjoying them as well, some posing a safety issue. It was brought to Tom’s attention that when adults are using them they are at the mercy of the #of children and parents that are present at the playground. Signage seems to be the best solution, some talk about what the sign should say. We all realize it will still be up to parents to enforce the guidelines set by the signs, this will create leverage and validation for adults trying to advocate for use of the machines.</p> <p>RiseVT has contacted Kelly and they are thrilled with the pieces of exercise equipment! They have grant \$ and would like to purchase another piece to add to the park. RiseVT would like to purchase a strength machine (weight bearing) such as a bench press.</p> <p>This brings up the question of if the Commission should seek out the approval of the Council before adding another piece of exercise equipment.</p>	<p>No approval is needed from Council for this signage.</p> <p>Kelly will research the best purchase from the same company as the other two machines. She will present RiseVT with a few options that she likes for their approval.</p> <p>After to purchase/installment of this item a Thank You notification will be ran in the paper.</p> <p>At next week’s Council meeting the Commission will ask for greater clarification on guidelines of the abilities of the Commission, when is it necessary to bring a decision in front of the Council?</p>
<p>c. Cottonwood Tree removal update.</p>	<p>All of these trees will be removed by Spring of 2017</p>	<p>Continue to explore the funding and placement of replacing those trees.</p>
<p>d. Replacement trees update.</p>		<p>3 trees will be planted in the spring.</p>
<p>e. Trees at playground planting date.</p>		<p>Spring</p>

	<p>Barb would like to see more picnic tables in the park. They create functionality and ability to picnic or for moms to be able to accomplish other tasks.</p> <p>A request was made for the steering wheel on the play structure to be raised to the top, for better "driving" play.</p>	<p>Explore what options are available and will be best suited for the park.</p>
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Meeting moved to Adjourn. Vote was unanimous.

Approved