

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**ST. ALBANS CITY PARKS COMMISSION MEETING**  
**RECREATION DEPARTMENT, 39 BARLOW STREET, 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR**  
**6:00 PM TUESDAY, November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**Board Members Present:**

Members: Angie Sturm, Stina Booth, Alec Kaeding and Bill Doig

**Board Members Absent:** Jamie Pinkham, Joanie McGinn

**Public Present:**

**Staff Present:** Andrew Gratton: Recreation Program Manager

**AGENDA**

1. Call to order- Alec calls the meeting to order at 6:02 pm
  
1. **Public Comment-** Angie brought up some concerns about the walkways in the northwest corner of Taylor Park. Brought up that it may have been from the sidewalk plow. Andrew will look into it. Alec mentioned that crushed limestone works a bit better than sher-pack. Also brought up the trash cans not looking their best in the park. Splashed with mud and not sitting straight up.
  
2. **Review new applicant for commission-** Andrew will take the application to the city council and will also present our application for a student involved person on the commission.
  
3. **Pool Update –** Andrew presented the plans for the pool to everyone. Talked about the concerns with the location. Talked about the bus around town. Bike safety. Maybe running a safe bike campaign for the first few months.
  
4. **Memorial Bench thoughts-** Alec showed us how Burlington deals with this issue. They have two parks bench styles one traditional and one artisan that both have a cost that comes with installation and a plaque. Alec also mentioned that we may want to bring in PW and other departments as people pay a lot of attention to these things and want them to be treated well.
  - a. **Location-** Talk about maybe not allowing them in Taylor Park currently with all the things going on currently. Maybe just Houghton Park or Barlow Street park currently. Near the playground at Houghton or next to the Steelers fields. Also at Hardack near the fields or the hill would be a good idea.
  - b. **Style-** We should have two options for benches. One standard bench option and one passive seating option. Also an options for just a plaque that could be mounted in a location in a park.
  
5. **Taylor Park Trimming update-** Bill brought up the one tree that was in very rough shape when we walked around. Seemed like it was tree 49 and that it was addressed in the report. Alec mentioned that maybe some trees should just come down to give more of a chance to smaller trees. Are we looking at the Taylor Park plans and where these trees are affected by these plans.

6. **Approval or September minutes-** Bill made a minor change to first paragraph about the scope of the parks commission. Alec mentioned that an L needed to be added to a word in the first paragraph.
7. **Adjourn-** Alec called the meeting to adjourn at 7:05, Stina Second. Unanimously passed.