**CALL TO ORDER**

The August 5, 2024, Park Commission Meeting was called to order by Chair Seymour at 6:04 p.m. at the City Hall 6031 Main St, Rockford, MN.

**ROLL CALL**

The following members were present: Gusse, Edmeier, Dahlke and Seymour. Also in attendance was Council liaison Vogel and Parks Employee Desens.

**SET AGENDA/APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION** was made by Gusse, seconded by Edmeier to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2024 meeting, the June 3, 2024 park tour notes and approve the agenda.

Motion Carried Voting in favor Dahlke, Edmeier, Gusse and Seymour

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. The park dedication fund total is $121,824.24 with $71,949.23 being available as non-restricted funds.
2. The Lions are proposing to donate an oversized Adirondak Chair for placement in Riverside Park as a photo opportunity. The commission discussed placement and color of the chair with no firm conclusion being reached. They would like to see the Rockford name prominently displayed on the chair and possibly incorporate the blue R logo. The commission would like to see plans regarding color and logos before installation.

**MOTION** to approve the donation of the chair to be placed in Riverside Park was made by Seymour, seconded by Edmeier.

Motion carried, voting in favor, Dahlke, Edmeier, Gusse and Seymour

1. Disc golf Jim Thome: Park Staff hired disc golf course designer Chris Beyer to design a disc golf course for Jim Thome Park. He delivered a nine-hole design that makes use of the odd shaped space at the back of the park. The area is mostly a flat space, but he incorporated the sloped areas at the edge of the park where volunteer trees have grown and recommended raising one of the tee box areas as well as two of the baskets. He also gave us insights into things to avoid for the course and why some baskets are better.

MOTION to move forward with building the disc golf course design at Jim Thome Park was made by Gusse, seconded by Edmeier.

Motion carried, voting in favor, Dahlke, Edmeier, Gusse and Seymour.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Staff gave an update on the Mutterer Park playground. The old playground structure will be removed July 29th. The new playground installation will begin August 13th with playground opening set for August 23rd.
2. Staff gave an update on the pickleball court. The council was asked if they would want to pursue a low input approach or an engineered plan for building the courts. The council would like to pursue an engineered plan for the courts which will cost more but should give better long-term results. We will pursue getting the engineering fees into the 2025 budget to have the courts designed in 2025 with installation occurring in 2026 or later.

**ADJORNMENT**

**MOTION** to adjourn was made by Edmeier, seconded by Gusse to adjourn the meeting.

Motion Carried Voting in favor, Dahlke, Edmeier, Gusse and Seymour.

Chair Seymour closed the meeting at 7:06 pm.

*Submitted by Darcy Desens, Parks Lead Maintenance*