**PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD**

9:00 A.M. Wednesday, March 3, 2021

Present: Steve VanHouse Absent: Carol Youngberg

Tracy Tiboni

Jenny Bjerken

Nathan Stadler

Shane Hoff

Bryan Carpenter – Parks and Recreation Department

VanHouse called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

**Agenda** – Motion by Tiboni, second Bjerken to approve the agenda as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

**Minutes** – Motion by Stadler, second Tiboni to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2021 regular meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS – None at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

**Arena Update** – The State and MN Hockey have opened up the arenas to allow for 25% capacity. Spectators must be pre-approved before entering the arena. The tentative date for ice-out is March 24th.

**Marina Update** – The marina manager has been busy contacting those on the waiting list and filling up the seasonal slips. The waiting list proves there is a need for future expansion. There was discussion regarding a letter that was sent to marina seasonal slip holder that had not submitted agreements and payments for the 2021 season. After receiving complaints from recipients of the letter, the Board recommends issuing a letter of apology and devise a plan on future payment deadlines and waiting lists.

**Black Beach Campground Update** –Online reservations are going well. It is proving there is a need for expansion. There was discussion on improving the trails, creating walking paths, and parking. The City will come up with a proposal to present to North Shore Mining for use of their property.

**Outdoor Rink Use This Winter and Future Plans** – The outdoor rink is closed due to poor ice conditions. A public meeting will be held tonight at 6:30 p.m. to start planning and create a committee to devise a plan for the multi-purpose area.

**Board Membership Application** –The members reviewed an application from Gene LaFond for the vacant position on this Board. Motion Bjerken, second Tiboni to recommend to Council the appointment of Gene LaFond to the Parks and Recreation Board. MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

**Summer Employment** – We will be accepting applications for the following positions: Campground Aide I at $15/hr, Campground Aide II at $15/hr, Marina Aide I at $15/hr, Marina Aide II at $12.50/hr, Park and Rec Assistant at $13.50, Park and Rec Aides at $10.50/hr, Swim Instructor Supervisor at $13.50/hr, and Swim Instructors at $10.50. Advertisements will be in the paper starting this week for campground host/manager, campfire wood providers, and summer employment. The Parks and Recreation Director plans to interview all summer applicants.

**ATV Event June 26th – 27th** –MN ATV Riders is hosting their 4th Annual North Shore Ride on June 26, 2021. This ride raises funds for the Silver Bay Veteran’s Home, while promoting safe and responsible ATV riding. They plan to make this a larger event, with sponsors. They have requested the use of the open field in the Business Park, which Council approved on March 1, 2021. The group has been working with the City to make this a successful event for the City and the ATV Riders.

Motion by Bjerken, second Tiboni to adjourn at 9:42 A.M. MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes taken by Lindsey Klemmer