

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

9:00 A.M.

Wednesday, January 4, 2023

Present: Tracy Tiboni
Shane Hoff
Jenny Bjerken
Nathan Stadler
Dick Stern

Excused: Steve VanHouse
Gene LaFond

Bryan Carpenter, Parks and Recreation Department

Tiboni called the meeting to order at 9:05 A.M.

Board Chair Appointment- Motion by Bjerken, second Stadler to appoint VanHouse as Board Chair. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Alternate Board Chair Appointment – Motion by Stadler, second Bjerken to appoint Tiboni as Alternate Board Chair. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Agenda – Motion by Hoff, second Bjerken to approve the Agenda with addition of Outdoor Rink. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Minutes – Motion by Stern, second Bjerken to approve the minutes of the December 7th, 2022 regular meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

COMMUNICATIONS – None at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

Arena Update – The last two original heaters have been replaced, there are spots on flat valley portion of the roof that are leaking and will be repaired. Carpenter received an email from NSFCU regarding a long-term contract to advertise on the Zamboni which would help with expense of new batteries. Hockey season is going well many tournaments scheduled, including District and Regional tournaments.

Marina Update – Renewal letters have been approved and sent with a change regarding how fees are calculated by charging for size of slip instead of size of boat. The contract with Eli Yachts to manage the marina has been approved. There is a slip issue with the DNR releasing transient slips too early per their grant requirement for the dock, Eli Yachts is working on finding new transient slips but there may not be enough room for as many slip holders as 2022.

Black Beach Campground Update – Reservations opened for 2023 season on January 3rd and went well with many reservations being made, atv weekend in June is full. Campers are able to cancel on line this year so should cut down on calls to office. Road construction is still planned for this summer and campers are aware of the possible noise.

Winter Programs- Lengthy discussion on attracting more people to attend open skate including having theme nights that would correlate with events such as Super Bowl- wear a football jersey, Valentines-wear red/pink, Skate with Santa.

NEW BUSINESS

Set 2022 Meeting Dates – Motion by Bjerken, second Stadler to set Parks & Recreation regular meeting dates as February 8, March 8, April 5, May 3, June 7, July 5, August 9, September 6, October 4, November 8, and December 6. MOTION CARRIED.

Outdoor Rink- Discussion on outdoor rink rehabilitation project, Hoff has drafted a letter that will be sent to obtain grants/donations. Cleveland Cliffs has given a grant of \$25,000 that needs to be used in 2023, Blue Line Club has committed funds along with in-kind labor, and a local contractor has committed to donate labor and materials. The estimated cost is \$300,000 to replace hockey boards, preparing and paving the surface for year-round use and a new picnic/firepit area.

Motion by Bjerken, second Stadler to adjourn at 9:48 A.M. MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes taken by Lisa Christenson