

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

9:00 A.M.

Wednesday, May 3, 2023

Present: Steve VanHouse
Tracy Tiboni
Nathan Stadler
Jenny Bjerken
Gene LaFond

Excused: Shane Hoff
Dick Stern

Bryan Carpenter, Parks and Recreation Department
Phil Huston

VanHouse called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Agenda – Motion by Tiboni, second Bjerken to approve the Agenda. MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes – Motion by Stadler, second Bjerken to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2023 regular meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS – None at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

Arena Update – Lake County has completed the safety inspection with final report done soon. OSHA has started to increase inspections and enforcing rules. Compressors will be inspected and valves will be replaced this summer. Batting cages have been set up in arena and indoor practice has started.

Marina Update – Marina staff met with MN DNR for the spring meeting. The major maintenance was completed last season, working on minor maintenance. The pressure washer needs to be replaced and consensus of board was to purchase a new one. Board reviewed a map of proposed retail space within the marina building to sell minor food items, tackle, and clothing. Discussion on ice machine at the marina, which is owned by the Yacht Club for their members, unable to be used for sale of ice per MN Dept of Health, option for installing a cooler, and meeting with the Yacht Club to work out ice and other issues.

Black Beach Campground Update – Reservations are still being booked with most weekends full for the season. Trees have started to be removed for the new road construction, no start date yet. Ice and vending services will be offered in the campground this year. Phil Huston addressed the board regarding his shuttle service at the campground. Last season he provided shuttle service to Black Beach for free, only collecting tips. He is licensed thru the city and would like to provide shuttles for campers again this year with a consistent schedule. He also shuttles from the campground to the Music in the Park events on Fridays. He is requesting putting signage up in the campground and would like to leave signs in place all Summer. Carpenter will contact Street Dept. regarding any regulations and contact Huston regarding signage. Huston also noted he is a licensed and certified drone pilot available for services.

Summer Programs- Youth baseball and softball have started with the number of participants similar to last year. Tennis and dryland hockey will begin soon. Registration is still being taken thru Sports Engine but should be switched to city website by next year. Discussed staffing for

summer season, applications are slowly coming in and will continue to take applications until positions are filled.

Zamboni Graphics- Nothing to report, it was suggested that NSFCU draft a contract agreement and present to the City.

Outdoor Rink Project- Carpenter reported there has been a planning meeting held and consensus was to move forward with removing old rink and get the slab done. Discussion on costs of new versus old boards and grants coming in.

NEW BUSINESS-

There was discussion regarding the corner lot along Highway 61 that is for sale, tourism, and roundabouts.

Motion by Tiboni, second Bjerken to adjourn at 9:50 a.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes taken by Lisa Christenson