

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

9:00 A.M.

Wednesday, October 4, 2023

Present: Steve VanHouse
Tracy Tiboni
Jenny Bjerken
Nathan Stadler
Gene LaFond
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 LaFond to approve the Agenda. MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes – Motion by Stadler, second Tiboni to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2023 regular meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS – None at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

Arena Update – Compressor inspection and training is scheduled the week of October 9th, Lake County is replacing covers outside with metal flashing, and has inspected the furnace and vents. Staff will start installing the ice on October 20th.

Marina Update – Marina Rate Increase 2024- DNR is proposing a 10% rate increase to seasonal, transient, and monthly rates due to rising expenses. Discussion followed regarding clearer reasons for the increase, improvements, letting slip holders know, having DNR representative attend the next meeting and dust problem from Northshore Mining. Carpenter will contact DNR for more information regarding the proposed rate increase for the November 8th meeting. Carpenter also updated other information discussed during the meeting with DNR including improvements made, repairs needed, adding slips, long waiting list for seasonal slips, funding application for a grant to construct C-dock, and completing the concession agreement with Eli Yachts.

Black Beach Campground Update – Campground will be closing for the season October 15th; every weekend has been filled this season. There has not been a campground host this year but Carpenter would like position filled next season. Discussion on Campspot reservation system, reducing number of complaints and problems, rate increase and construction, and ice machine availability for next season.

Summer Programs- Summer programs have finished.

5 Year Plan Review- Section 1 & 2, Pages 1-13- Sections 1 & 2, Pages 1-13 were reviewed and there was discussion on revisions and updates made to the pages including:

Cover page- updating Council, Park and Rec Board members, and employees.

Existing Facilities- addition of Black Beach Campground, outdoor recreation area, anticipated construction of new Trailhead Center, and updating number of boat slips in Marina.

Black Beach Park- new access and parking.

Silver Bay Recreation Program Inventory- update participant numbers, remove Arts & Crafts.

Surrounding Area Recreation Facilities- addition of bike trails.

Conclusion- general update.

NEW BUSINESS-

Black Beach Parking- Phil Huston operates a shuttle service and provided feedback from the tourists he has been shuttling regarding parking at Black Beach. There was discussion on ways to improve handicap accessibility, lack of restrooms, replacing locks on lavatory vaults, parking, traffic congestion, more and improved signage, safety, being more biker friendly, and possibility of charging for parking passes in the future. Carpenter advised the new East Lakeview Drive construction plan will alleviate some of the parking/safety concerns and he will work with staff regarding placing signage for safety. It was also noted that Black Beach has never been promoted as a swimming beach.

East Lakeview Drive Update- Carpenter provided an update regarding East Lakeview Drive construction scheduled to start soon with the majority of construction taking place next Spring.

Phil Huston asked if City was aware of a breach in the break wall in the Marina. He provides a drone service and will send pictures to Carpenter.

Motion by Tiboni, second Bjerken to adjourn at 10:10 a.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes taken by Lisa Christenson