

# PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

9:00 A.M.

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

Present: Steve VanHouse  
Tracy Tiboni  
Shane Hoff  
Jenny Bjerken  
Nathan Stadler  
Dick Stern - arrived 9:10 a.m.  
Gene LaFond – arrived 9:05 a.m.

Bryan Carpenter, Parks and Recreation Department

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

**Agenda** – Motion by Tiboni, second Stadler to approve the Agenda with addition of Campground Host under Black Beach Campground. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Minutes** – Motion by Bjerken, second Tiboni to approve the minutes of the January 2, 2024 regular meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**COMMUNICATIONS** – None at this time.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Arena Update** – There was discussion regarding yearly inspections, hockey season, ice out date, warm temperatures, and tournaments. Member Stadler extended a thank you to Carpenter for helping set up light show during hockey game, players and parents appreciated it. Member Hoff noted that Derrick Olson is interested in helping paint the arena.

**Black Beach Campground-** Discussion regarding importance of wi-fi for campers and potential problems during the construction season, reservations have started with minimal problems and using an alert system to advise campers of wi-fi outages or road closures. Motion by Bjerken, second Tiboni to send recommendation to Council to begin advertising for campground host. **MOTION CARRIED.** Discussion regarding when to start advertising, possibly earlier in the year.

**Winter Programs-** Programs are going well.

**5-Year Plan Review-** Board reviewed changes previously discussed and noted minor updates to be made. Discussion regarding the following additions to be made:

*Bayside Park/Marina-* signage

*Arena/Trailhead* – Clarification of tennis hitting area and repurpose of horseshoe area

Further discussion regarding parks and recreation inventory, most inventory needs updating, costs and budget, grant options, and prioritizing the Mary MacDonald ball field for improvement to replace loss of rec field once Multi-Modal Trailhead begins construction. Carpenter will revise the plan and provide updated copy at next meeting. There was discussion regarding possibility of having an e-bike rental business and ways to transport boaters from Marina into town.

**NEW BUSINESS –**

Motion by Bjerken, second Stadler to adjourn at 9:40 A.M. MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes taken by Lisa Christenson