

# PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

9:00 A.M.

Wednesday, March 6, 2024

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

Excused: Gene LaFond

Bryan Carpenter, Parks and Recreation Department

VanHouse called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

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

**Minutes** – Motion by Tiboni, second Stadler to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2024 regular meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

**COMMUNICATIONS** – None at this time.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Arena Update** – Ice out is scheduled for March 14<sup>th</sup>; Garage door has been repaired and Carpenter is requesting yearly inspections. Equipment performed well all season; Zamboni battery charge continues to stay in the normal range so plan is to hold off on replacement.

**Black Beach Campground-** Reservations continue to come in, no problems with Campspot website. Discussion regarding construction season being an issue for campers, Carpenter reports high use by daily visitors to Black Beach area.

**Programs-** Carpenter attended the Arrowhead Softball meeting, registration has opened for baseball and softball. Discussion regarding coaching requirements and programs offered.

**Senior Workshop Relocation-** Carpenter attended the Multi-Modal Trailhead Center project meeting and there was discussion relating to the Senior Workshop building and possible location options to relocate them, the cost savings for relocating, safety, and benefits to having the Seniors at the school. Mayor LeBlanc and Carpenter met with school officials, Carpenter met with most Seniors who use the workshop, and all have been receptive. Carpenter will be in contact with leaseholders at the Mary Mac as an option. Discussion regarding the current building, number of users, availability during school hours, mentorship opportunities providing a positive enhancement for the community, Mary Mac location, airport area, and expenses, and possibility of using memorial donations to improve the workshop. Carpenter will gather more information regarding relocation to the school. Motion by Tiboni, second Bjerken to recommend to Council to move Senior Workshop as long as it can be kept in the community. MOTION CARRIED.

**5-Year Plan Review-** Tabled until next meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS –**

**MN Twins Field Grant for Mary Mac-** Carpenter has applied for the MN Twins Field Grant in the amount of \$15,000 for improvements to the Mary Mac field. Application was due March 1<sup>st</sup> and currently in review.

**Mary Mac Field Plan-** Carpenter submitted proposed improvement plans for the Mary Mac field which include expanding infield, fencing, improve dugouts, adding bleachers, new sod and moving playground to have batting cage near field. Discussion regarding possible issues of back fence location, playground road, and parking. Further discussion regarding housing location, bus garage area, and re-using fencing and field dirt from soon to be demolished rec ballfield. No action was taken.

Motion by Tiboni, second Stadler to adjourn at 10:06 a.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes taken by Lisa Christenson