

# PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

9:00 A.M.

Wednesday, April 3, 2024

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

Excused: Nathan Stadler  
Gene LaFond

Bryan Carpenter, Parks and Recreation Department  
Marcia Oates

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 Tiboni, second Bjerken to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2024 regular meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

**COMMUNICATIONS** – None at this time.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Arena Update** – Ice is out and preparation for Spring/Summer activities has started. Inside projects have been done with outside projects beginning soon.

**Marina Update** – Preparations for the season has started, Carpenter is looking into a minor issue regarding someone potentially living on a boat during the Winter season, which is not allowed. Discussion regarding email received by Yacht Club members and the new ship store opening at the marina.

**Black Beach Campground-** Reservation software is running smoothly. Discussion regarding possibly having additional parking available for self-contained units during the Ride the Shore ATV rally in June, pending MN ATV Association accepts as part of the event and insurance. There was a consensus for the City to check into the cost of an insurance rider for that weekend to allow renting additional spots near campground for self-contained units. Construction should begin this Spring and Campground Host advertisement has been posted.

**Programs-** Registration for Baseball and Softball has started and teams are being registered for leagues. Discussion on offering different programs such as pick up games for hockey and parent pitch.

**Senior Workshop Relocation-** Things are moving forward, equipment has been inventoried and there will be a meeting with the school to continue planning for relocation. Discussion followed regarding bringing a senior that is using the workshop to the meeting with the school and if Senior workshop relocates to school having program offered thru Community Education instead of Parks and Recreation Department.

**MN Twins Field Grant for Mary Mac/Mary Mac Field Plan** – Denial email was received regarding no grant this season. The denial does not change plans but will delay some improvements.

**5-Year Plan Review-** Board reviewed the inventory condition updates as discussed at previous meeting. Discussion regarding age of inventory, improvements needed at tennis and basketball courts, lighting at baseball field, replacement and/or maintenance to ramps at skate park, improving lighting at picnic and flag area on Outer Drive, ADA access at Black Beach, and bike trails. Further discussion regarding maintenance responsibility at the Overlook area, which is owned by Northshore Mining. Carpenter will provide the updated financial information at May 8<sup>th</sup> for final approval and recommendation to Council.

**NEW BUSINESS –**

Motion by Bjerken, second Tiboni to adjourn at 9:55 a.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes taken by Lisa Christenson