

# PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

9:00 A.M.

Wednesday, June 5, 2024

Present: Tracy Tiboni  
Shane Hoff  
Gene LaFond  
Dick Stern

Excused: Steve VanHouse  
Nathan Stadler  
Jenny Bjerken

Bryan Carpenter, Parks and Recreation Department  
Nelson T. French

Alternate Chair Tiboni called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

**Agenda** – Motion by Stern, second LaFond to approve the Agenda. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Minutes** – Motion by Hoff, second Stern to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2024 Regular Meeting with addition of the Multi-Modal Trailhead Project update. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**COMMUNICATIONS** – None at this time.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Arena Update** – Carpenter reports that the County will begin work on the electrical system, spring sports and the high school gym class has been using the arena due to bad weather. Discussion regarding condition of outside of building and suggesting County start planning to make repairs.

**Marina Update** – Carpenter reports the reported diesel spill was not in the marina area and not caused by any staff, season has started and going well, the ship store is on hold until DNR gives approval. Discussion regarding needed improvements to the upper parking lot and Knife River Marina status.

**Black Beach Campground-** Summer office help has been hired but department remains short-staffed, no applications for Campground Host have been received, reservations continue to be made with all weekends booked through Summer.

**Summer Programs-** Baseball and softball has started. Adult tennis leagues have low numbers of participants. Discussion followed regarding condition and upgrade of tennis court area. Carpenter has been contacted by tourists wanting to play pickleball while in the area, discussion regarding renting indoor courts, availability of outdoor courts. Consensus of board, if staff is available, to allow pickleball use and notify the public there is a new outdoor court soon to be open. Further discussion regarding North Shore Area Partners considering a temporary senior help program for businesses short-staffed.

**East Lakeview Drive Update-** Road will be closed during the week for final grade and paving, estimated to be complete July 4<sup>th</sup>. Discussion regarding Black Beach signage, pathways, parking problems, and handicap accessibility.

**Outdoor Rink Project-** Slab is expected to be poured soon and meeting will be held to finalize plans for opening of new Outdoor Rink.

**Storybook Theater-** Storybook Theater dates are August 5<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The Reunion Hall will be used this year since the school auditorium is not available. Discussion regarding keeping audition fees of \$15 each or \$35/family and ticket prices \$5/student, \$7/adult. Motion by Hoff, second LaFond to recommending to Council approving of fees. MOTION CARRIED.

**5-Year Plan Review-** Tabled until next meeting, Nelson French would like a draft copy of plan.

**Updated Multi-Modal Trailhead Plans-** Board reviewed updated site plans and discussed relocating the Senior Workshop to the High School, moving the Trailhead on the lot to help with better site planning, needing less retaining walls, better handicap accessibility, less retaining walls, improved parking area, and overall less complications that should result in cost savings. Further discussion followed regarding progress on moving Senior Workshop to High School, Community Education, and timeline of project. Motion by LaFond, second Stern to approve the updated plans. MOTION CARRIED.

### **NEW BUSINESS –**

**2025 Budget Preparation-** Discussion regarding priorities; tennis courts, outside arena building improvements, C-dock in marina, and staffing shortage problems.

Motion by Stern, second Hoff to adjourn at 10:00 a.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes taken by Lisa Christenson