

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

9:00 A.M.

Wednesday, July 3, 2024

Present: Tracy Tiboni
Nathan Stadler
Jenny Bjerken
Dick Stern

Excused: Steve VanHouse
Gene LaFond
Shane Hoff

Bryan Carpenter, Parks and Recreation Department
Nelson T. French
Dale & Janey Knaffla
Carolyn Hudyma
Wendy Jensen

Alternate Chair Tiboni called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Agenda – Motion by Bjerken, second Stadler to approve the Agenda with removal of Five-Year Plan Review. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Minutes – Motion by Tiboni, second Stern to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2024 Regular Meeting as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

COMMUNICATIONS – None at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

Arena Update – The County is completing electrical work; replacing panels and updating to code. Completion is scheduled for late summer. The County has placed repair of the rubber roofing on its 2025 budget. Staff will begin making ice on July 14th for Hockey camp, which begins July 20th.

Marina Update – Everything is going well, staff continues to work with DNR regarding the concession store contract.

Black Beach Campground/East Lakeview Drive Update- Ride the Shore ATV event was canceled due to damaged trails from heavy rains. Carpenter has not been contacted regarding if it will be reschedule. There has been some washouts along the new E Lakeview Drive that will be repaired, signs have been placed and project is almost complete. Discussion regarding a few negative speeding complaints but most feedback has been positive, installing speed bumps, the need for signage with labeling of beaches and directing visitors to the beaches, and possible information kiosk.

Summer Programs- All summer teams are playing thru July and no problems reported.

Outdoor Rink Project- No update, still plan to have concrete poured soon.

NEW BUSINESS –

City Center Park & Amphitheater Design Team-Nelson French, Rocky Wall Entertainment- Nelson French of Rocky Wall Entertainment provided the board with an update regarding the

creation of a City Center Park and Amphitheater Park design team to further discuss and complete a proposal for the project. The design team consists of local residents and business owners who will meet with a consultant from Damon Farber Architects. The nonprofit group has raised \$16,000 in private funds of the \$25,000 needed to cover the expense of creating the proposal, which would be presented to Council in November 2024. The first meeting will be held July 22nd at VanHouse Construction offices with plans to hold a community meeting halfway through the planning phase. Discussion regarding the need for a city park having been discussed for many years, maintenance responsibilities of a new park, and potential funding for construction phase.

Dale Knaffla expressed his concern regarding the moving of the Senior Workshop due to the construction of the Multi-Modal Trailhead Center, coverage of broken equipment and access if it is relocated to the school. Carpenter explained that the Senior Workshop will be managed by Community Education, woodshop equipment will be provided and maintained by the school and everything is currently in discussions. There was discussion regarding final decision already being made, and residents feeling as though there hasn't been any citizen input regarding the decision to demolish the building, the best location for program, and where Senior Workshop will be relocated to. The Board assured those in attendance that the program is not being taken away and the boards' intent has always been to preserve the program. It was requested that a meeting be set up with current seniors who use the workshop, the school and the Parks & Recreation director to discuss and answer questions pertaining to the relocation of the Senior Workshop program. Motion by Bjerken, second Stern for Carpenter to set up requested meeting and publish notice for the public. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Bjerken, second Stadler to adjourn at 10:16 a.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes taken by Lisa Christenson