

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

9:00 A.M.

Wednesday, December 4, 2024

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

Excused: Tracy Tiboni
Gene LaFond

Bryan Carpenter, Parks and Recreation Department
Jim FitzGerald
Lana Fralich (entered at 10:15am)

VanHouse called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Agenda – Motion by Stadler, second Bjerken to approve the Agenda with addition of SB Youth Hockey Program and DNR Agreement. MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes – Motion by Stadler, second Bjerken to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2024 Regular Meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS – None at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

Arena Update – Carpenter reports ice is in and logo has been painted. The County has replaced the garage door and electrical upgrades are scheduled in the Spring. The outdoor rink glass sustained damage during a wind storm, fencing will be put up, and flooding will begin soon.

Marina Update – Carpenter reports the season is over and close up went well. 2025 information letters will be sent out to slip holders this month.

Black Beach Campground/2025 Rates- Discussion regarding raising camping fees for the 2025 season. Carpenter is recommending rate increase of \$5 for nightly full hookups, increase of \$25 for weekly full hookups, \$2 for nightly electric only sites with weekly increase to \$220. Further discussion regarding amenities and firewood prices. Motion by Stadler, second Bjerken to refer to council for approval. MOTION CARRIED.

Winter Programs- The Learn to Skate program is being offered again this season, open skating and adult hockey has started. Discussion regarding considering increased program fees for those outside of the city's property tax area, which was expressed by a concerned citizen during a City Council meeting.

Senior Workshop- School is moving forward with contract paperwork and fobs for the seniors to gain access to workshop.

Multi-Modal Trailhead Center Schematic Design Update- Board reviewed latest renderings of the Multi-Modal Trailhead Center. There were no recommended changes.

Five Year Plan- Board reviewed proposed final draft of the Five-year plan, any changes should be submitted to Carpenter. Consensus of board is to table until January meeting.

NEW BUSINESS –

2025 Storybook Theater- Contract for the 2025 Storybook Theater production of Goldilocks was reviewed. Changes to the contract include a date change to June 22nd-June 28th, 2025. Deposit of \$500 with total fee for residency is \$2750. Discussion regarding obtaining grants to pay for fee.

Board Renewal Applications- Motion by Hoff, second Stern to refer Stadler, LaFond, and Bjerken board renewal applications to council for approval. MOTION CARRIED.

Set 2025 Meeting Dates- Motion by Bjerken, second Stadler to set Parks & Recreation regular meeting dates as January 8, February 5, March 5, April 9, May 7, June 4, July 9, August 6, September 3, October 8, November 5, and December 3. MOTION CARRIED.

Silver Bay Youth Hockey Program- VanHouse shared feedback he is receiving from parents regarding the combined Silver Bay and Two Harbors youth hockey programs and the lack of practices and games in the Silver Bay arena, which is supposed to be equal. Discussion regarding scheduling problems, leadership concerns, Blue Line Club, process for complaints, and the current agreement between SB and TH. VanHouse is recommending to form a committee of himself, Parks & Rec Director, Blue Line Club President, Mayor, along with county and school board representatives, to find a solution for the improvement of the hockey program. Consensus of board is to keep on next agenda for further discussion.

DNR Cooperative Agreement- Administrator Fralich presented the proposed DNR Cooperative Agreement noting it is basically same agreement, noting that an increase in aide with an escalator was expected to be requested, and that the agreement is changing to a five-year contract. Discussion followed regarding the current payment amount of \$53,000, the budget, and need for increased aide. Consensus of board is Administrator Fralich contact DNR to request an increase and refer to council for approval.

Motion by Bjerken, second Stadler to adjourn at 10:28 a.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes taken by Lisa Christenson