

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

9:00 A.M.

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

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

Excused: Gene LaFond

Bryan Carpenter, Parks & Rec Director
Josh Stier, City Engineer Bolton & Menk
Brandon Mandt, Bolton & Menk

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

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

Minutes – Motion by Bjerken, second Stadler to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2025 regular meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

COMMUNICATIONS –

Public Comments- None at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

Arena Update – Carpenter reports that the ice is out in arena, staff have been painting concession and lobby area to reflect North Shore Storm team colors, and the electrical update will be complete this Spring. Discussion followed regarding scheduled upcoming events.

Black Beach Campground- Carpenter reports that reservations are coming in with most weekends full. Discussion followed regarding new directional signage at the entrance and near beach areas, size of signs, and possible expansion of campground resulting in potential sign changes. Consensus of Board is for Carpenter to obtain a quote for purchase. Further discussion regarding past employee not returning for 2025 season and need for host for the second half of the season.

Senior Workshop Update- The Senior Workshop is now closed and has been transferred to the high school with Community Education overseeing it. Orientation has been held and workshop is now open to seniors. Staff is cleaning out the old workshop, moving old equipment to high school, and city departments will keep a few items needed for their departments. Discussion followed regarding disposal of old lumber scraps and excess items being auctioned on a bid site.

5-Year Plan Review- Tabled until May 7th meeting.

Summer Hires- Advertising has started and applications are being received. Applications will be reviewed end of April.

Summer Programs- Summer program registration is open, links are on the website and letters have been sent to schools for distribution. Carpenter has been in contact with Two Harbors and Grand Marais Community Ed regarding creating a combined team if communities have low numbers of participants. Discussion followed regarding programs being offered, starting dates, tennis court repairs, and funding.

Rec Football- Registration will start during the summer, discussion regarding the needs to upgrade equipment.

Multi-Modal Trailhead Center- Josh Stier, City Engineer gave a brief update regarding status of Multi-Modal Trailhead project. Plans are currently awaiting approval from Lake County, then will be sent to MNDOT for final approval, bidding will begin in May 2025, and contracts awarded by end of June 2025.

Dick Stern stated one of the picnic pavilions at the marina is missing a rough and he asked if there are any plans to replace it. Discussion followed regarding who is responsible for maintaining picnic areas.

Bryan Carpenter presented information regarding satellite toilets. He has obtained a quote from Matt Lundgren for adding two or three more at a cost of \$100/per that includes cleaning and maintenance. Discussion followed regarding locations of current and future satellites along with the costs to repair and maintain current satellites. Consensus of board is to obtain a quote, and present to Council, the cost to have Lundgren supply and maintain all satellite toilets currently needed by Parks department.

NEW BUSINESS – None at this time.

Motion by Bjerken, second Tiboni to adjourn at 9:43 a.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes taken by Lisa Christenson