

**MINUTES
PARKS & TRAILS COMMISSION MEETING
JANUARY 17, 2018**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Auger, Don Heinonen, Annette Meyer, and Wendy Kvale

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tina Kaney, Tom Anderson and Tonya Prim

COUNCIL & BOARD REPRESENTATIVE: Michael Meehlhause

CITY STAFF & OTHERS: Marcia Larson, Nick Swanson and Joe Czapiewski

CALL TO ORDER:

Mary Auger called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION #2

The purpose of the meeting was to finalize vision/mission/values, review the assessment materials, establish/prioritize issues/opportunities and set goals.

Joe Czapiewski, JFC Strategic Services, facilitated group discussion on the vision, mission and core values.

Vision Statement

Bemidji sets the standard as an award-winning leader in parks and recreation. Our parks and trails will reflect our natural resources with innovative, high quality and thoughtfully designed facilities and programs that will sustainably improve the health and vitality of the community. Programs will focus on fun, healthy and inclusive activities that are accessible to the entire Bemidji region and beyond, delivered through broad and diverse collaboration.

Values

- Collaborative
- Creative & Innovative
- Diversity
- Engaged
- Fun
- Inclusive
- Leadership
- Respect
- Stewardship

Mission Statement

The mission of the Bemidji Parks and Recreation Department is to improve quality of life by connecting everyone to healthy activities and natural places.

Motion by Heinonen, seconded by Kvale to approve the vision, mission and core values as discussed. Motion carries.

Discussion continued on the assessment information, issues and opportunities for the Parks and Recreation Department.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Heinonen, seconded by Kvale, to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Larson
Parks and Recreation Director