

MINUTES
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
JUNE 14, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tim Faver, Kristine Bommersbach-via Zoom, Gwenia Fiskevold Gould, Don Heinonen-via Zoom, and Bethany Wesley,

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tom Anderson, Tonya Prim

COUNCIL & BOARD REPRESENTATIVE: Dan Jourdain- via Zoom

CITY STAFF & OTHERS: Marcia Larson, Aaron Weeks, and Lolly Randall

CALL TO ORDER:

Bethany Wesley called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA:

No amendments were made.

Motion by Fiskevold Gould, seconded by Faver, to approve agenda

APPROVAL OF APRIL 12, 2022 MEETING MINUTES, MAY 26, 2022 SPECIAL WORK SESSION, AND CORRECTED MARCH 8, 2022 MEETING MINUTES:

Motion by Faver, seconded by Fiskevold Gould, to approve the all the Meeting Minutes as written. Motion carried.

PICKLEBALL COURTS

The Pickleball Courts need to be repaired because there are cracks and some of the middle courts are challenging to play on. Received one estimate from Outdoor Specialists in the amount of \$18,798 that includes patching and painting one color on the 6 courts located at Algoma Park. There is an additional \$400 for two-tone color option. Discussed if the Pickleball Association wants the two-tone color, they will need to pay the extra \$400. The price does not include the basketball court. Outdoor Specialties is the company that resurfaces and paints the courts at the Middle School. Reached out to two other companies to get a quote but neither responded. The project would be paid for from the Parks Capital Improvement budget. Director Larson recommends approving this estimate from Outdoor Specialists. Construction would start around July 4th and the work will take one week.

Motion by Fiskevold Gould, seconded by Faver, to approve the quote of \$18,798.00 submitted by Outdoor Specialists, pending the Pickleball Association response to paying the additional \$400.00 for the 2-tone color. Motion carried.

Parks Maintenance Updates – Superintendent Weeks reported that there have been a lot of fixing of items in the parks. The water at North Country Park is up and working. Getting caught up mowing and completing other landscaping projects. Getting quotes for the outdoor shower at Diamond Point Park. All of the picnic tables were redone this winter at Diamond Point Park. The picnic shelters at diamond point were refinished.

Rentals are up at the park facilities. Recreation is doing birthday parties at the parks. The Kids in Motion camps started this week.

NATURAL PLAYGROUND PROJECT

City Council approved the Memorandum of Understanding with the Rotary Club and Professional Services agreement with Learning Landscape Designs. Moving forward with phase 2 with the fallen timbers. Construction should start in August/September. Will need donated logs and the Rotary members are going to be working on that. Discussed installing a shade structure/pavilion at the park and it will be built into the design which would be similar to the log pavilion at Cameron Park.

PAUL BUNYAN PLAZA PROJECT

The quote from Jensen Construction was accepted to do the work of raising Babe and Reierson Construction was awarded the quote to do the drainage and concrete work in the plaza. Jensen will start work on Babe on August 8th, after the Dragon Boat festival and should take about one month and then Reierson will start. The project also includes the green space per the Commission's recommendation.

FACILITIES UPDATE:

Remodel of the Tourist Information Center has started which is on schedule to be completed at the end of June. Once the remodel is completed, water rentals of kayaks and paddleboards will start. Suggested holding the July commission meeting at the Tourist Information Center. Bike rental is going good with 15 bikes to rent.

Carnegie – working with the Jaycees to use some of their space and gave them a 50% rent reduction until October. Their lease is up in December and may look at using that space if they no longer need it.

Additional Work - Security system at the Tourist Information Center is being installed and will allow staff to monitor the building remotely for security purposes. Replacing the current water fountain with a bottle filler and drinking fountain.

PARKS AND RECREATION STRATEGIC PLAN MEETING - SUMMARY

Director Larson told the Commissioners they can let her or Joe Czapiewski know if there are any changes they feel need to be made to the session summaries. The next step in the process is Joe will be working on scenarios for focus groups and discuss how and when to form focus groups. Joe would like to attend the July meeting to discuss so it could be a two hour meeting.

COMMISSIONER UPDATES

Councilor Jourdain – received emails regarding the skate park having several cracks in it. The Parks Department is looking for cost estimates and contractors to fix it. The new rules sign was recently installed.

Commissioner Wesley – asked if there are plans for a phase 2 at the skate park. That was discussed when the skate park was originally built but there is no funding for it and the space could be challenging because there is already so much going on in City Park.

Commissioner Faver – asked about the process of fixing benches on Lake Boulevard. Waiting for the contractor to respond to when he is able to do the work. Looking for a group to help clean up the invasive weeds in the area. Need to install the no bikes on sidewalk signs.

Commissioner Fiskevold Gould – asked if the Diamond Point Park beach will be cleaned up. The beach will be cleaned this week and buoys will also be placed.

DIRECTOR'S UPDATES

Recreation received a grant to offer additional swim lessons to include transportation to the lessons along with goggles and basic supplies needed.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Fiskevold Gould, seconded by Faver, to adjourn the meeting at 5:20 p.m.

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lolly Randall
Administrative Assistant