

Regular Meeting.
Parks Commission June 4, 2018 - 4:30 p.m.
City Hall

Present: C. Martinson, J. Badger, T. Urbanski, M. Krick, B. Wyman

Absent: T. Krohn, J. Fryc

Staff: C. Peterson, L. Peterson, K. Stedman, A. Chalberg, L. Anderson, J. Anderson

Others: Ruth Reeves, Jeff Rock, Sarah Buhs, Linda Bush-Niemi

MINUTES

The minutes of the May 7, 2018 regular meeting were presented. Motion by Wyman and 2nd by Krick to approve, motion carried 5-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, OTHER COMMENTS

None

INFORMATION AND REPORTS

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

The Beach opens tomorrow, today the lifeguard staff are having an in-service. A few more life guards are needed. Today is the last day for the sale of the discounted family passes. About 100 were sold which is typical. Tomorrow they will be full price at \$89.00. This year manager Kayla Cotner plans to again have specials like Grandparents free on Sundays and craft days on Friday. She will also continue theme weeks like shark week and bubble week. The cleaning is mostly complete and the painting looks awesome. Many thanks to the Park staff. The first round of concessions are on the shelves. The indoor pool is still available for laps and some swimming lessons. Ruth advises all to follow the Facebook page as all closings or other important information will be posted.

CLOQUET AREA FIRE DISTRICT

Public Education Coordinator Sarah Buhs of CAFD presented the graphics to be displayed on the life jacket boxes. The text includes simple steps for use of the life jackets, a liability disclaimer, and Minnesota law which requires children under 10 to be in a life jacket. This program emphasizes safety for the kids but there will be some adult sizes as well and extra jackets to restock the box if need be. Each jacket will be marked "Property of the NE Coalition". The best location for the box is being worked out with Les and the Park Department. This program has been possible through additional donations from Sappi, Cloquet Community Memorial Hospital as well as a huge discount on the jackets from L&M. There are 3 other life jacket boxes in the Duluth area and the goal is to grow this program in our area. A location for the box in Spafford has yet to be determined, but when up there will be a notification in the Pine Journal.

CITY STAFF REPORT

- The Skate Park is moving forward with Boldt working on submittals with Stantec and they hope to break ground mid June.
- The two scoreboards at Braun Park are still waiting for parts. All of the scoreboards are now obsolete and getting parts in the future will be difficult so during budget meetings this year a plan to begin replacing them should be considered.

- Dunlap Island looks a bit different than it did at this time last year. Commissioners and others are invited to stay after the meeting for a tour. The play-ground equipment has passed a final inspection. Landscaping and several areas of concrete are all that are left for completion which should be done in two to three weeks and then will be open to the public. An official opening and dedication will be considered for this fall, with perhaps all the Cloquet Park improvements being highlighted, discussion was tabled to the July 2nd meeting.
- The old landfill site on Freeman Road was explored as a viable site for the proposed dog park. It should provide enough space on the plateau portion for a ¾ acre area for small dogs and a 2.5 acre area for large dogs. It is estimated that 2300' of lineal fencing will be required at a cost of approximately \$70,000 and a new gate will be needed. The City crews will be able to haul in gravel and create parking. Commissioner Martinson has been checking out signage at other dog parks to determine what will be needed. Caleb will need to work this into the budget.
- Caleb toured the Pine Valley Trail and it is looking good, the upper loop is complete and the lower loop is 80-90% done. The ascent and descent trails will be about 2-3 weeks out. Even with the recent heavy rains the upper loop remained intact. Signage examples were shared and will need to include way finding, with perhaps some color coding for different portions, and standard symbols. A good line of sight is recommended for the intersections. Rules and etiquette should be noted at the trail head.
- The use of Wentworth Park for pickle ball was discussed, the area has been utilized as a parking zone and storage for neighboring businesses who have been asked to vacate several times in the past.

ACTION ITEMS

Linda Bush-Niemi from the Pinehurst Park Monday night church league, requests that the six different church youth groups be able to sell pre-packaged goods as a fund raiser during their game times.

Motion by Urbanski and 2nd by Martinson to approve the sale of prepackaged concessions at Pinehurst Park during church softball league games from 5 pm-10 pm Monday evenings, approval is granted for the 2018 softball season and includes only fundraising activities for local church youth groups, motion carried 5-0.

Barb Wyman, representing the 4th of July Committee presented a request of the Park Commission to waive the rental fee for Veteran's Park, as has been done in previous years, for the 4th of July festivities. The 4th of July Committee is also looking for volunteers.

Motion by Urbanski and 2nd by Krick to waive the rental fees for Veteran's Park for the 4th of July festivities as has been done in previous years, motion carried 5-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

Barb Wyman read her resignation letter as she is now a member of the City Council. She states she enjoyed her years as a Parks Commission member and will miss working with the group.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting to be held July 2, 2018 - 4:30 p.m. at City Hall.

On motion duly carried by a unanimous yea vote of all members present, the Parks Commission adjourned.

Secretary