

Regular Meeting.
Parks Commission October 7, 2019 - 4:30 p.m.
Pine Valley

Present: C. Martinson, J. Fryc, T. Urbanski, J. Badger, M. Krick
Absent: J. Anderson, T. Krohn
Staff: C. Peterson, T. Johnson, K. Stedman, A. Chalberg, L. Anderson
Others: C. Rokke, R. Reeves, K. Kolodge

MINUTES

The minutes of the September 9, 2019 regular meeting were presented. Motion by Krick and 2nd by Fryc to approve, motion carried 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

C. Rokke President of the Snowmobile Club spoke regarding connecting the trails to the hotels, the parks and to residential neighborhoods. The goal being to keep the sleds off the pavement and sidewalks and to create safe travel. Perhaps in Fauley Park a portion of fence could be taken down when adequate snow would allow the sleds to go through the park. In Pinehurst maybe some fencing or strawbales could mark a trail and keep the sliding public separate. Staff will meet with the club to designate snowmobile trails and perhaps create a map.

COMMISSIONERS UPDATE

Commissioner Krick reported on the condition of the understory in and around the disc golf course. The City may want to consider adding some trees to replace the foliage and branches that have been broken.

COMMUNITY ED REPORT

R. Reeves reported rentals for the Dunlap Warming House are now closed and the Pine Valley Chalet will close October 30th. The Children's Fall Fest at Churchill held October 6th was very successful. Continuing activities include volleyball camps, indoor pool uses, and after-school groups. She mentioned the display system for the skates at Dunlap wasn't very effective and asked if perhaps the attendants can be tasked with organizing them throughout their shift. Lastly, Community Ed is always looking for life guards.

CITY STAFF REPORT

The trail has been flooding at Pine Valley, with all the rain and the beaver population there have been several problem areas. Five beaver have been removed so far and the large culvert closer to the hockey shelter has been opened. K. Kolodge asked if larger culverts could be utilized. Commissioner Urbanski added that many of the lights are out as well and several ski team folks have committed to doing some brushing. Staff states that the City will do some of the brushing as well if the ground dries enough.

MAINTENANCE

Staff reports that Spafford Park camping closed on October 6th and the Park crew continues final clean-up. In addition, they have started working on the Christmas lights.

ACTION ITEMS

- a. Blue House Run, an event to support the orphanage in Uganda was held in 2019 and the request has been made by Commissioner Krohn to again waive the facility fees as has been out past practice for a local not for profit event.

Motion by Fryc and 2nd by Martinson to waive the park reservation fee and approve the use of the Pine Valley Park for the 2020 Blue House Orphanage Run. Motion carried 5-0.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting to be held Monday November 4, 2019 - 4:30 p.m. at City Hall.
On motion duly carried by a unanimous yeas vote of all members present, the Parks Commission adjourned.

Secretary