

Regular Meeting.
Parks Commission May 3, 2021 - 4:30 p.m.
City Hall

Present: C. Martinson, T. Krohn, J. Badger, J. Fryc, M. Krick, T. Urbanski
Absent: J. Anderson
Staff: C. Peterson, K. Stedman, L. Anderson, R. Biebl
Others: E. Bates, K. Kolodge, S. Buhs, P. Marciniak, D. Sanders, J. Waugh, A. Jerde

MINUTES

The minutes of the April 5, 2021 regular meeting were presented. Motion by J. Fryc and 2nd by T. Krohn to approve, motion carried 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Staff shared an email request from Bill Hoffman, of the Cloquet Senior Pickleball Association, to consider creating a reservation system for the courts at Churchill. Lately out-of-town groups are now using them during the time the Cloquet group usually uses them. A reservation procedure would entail staff involvement and costs, Staff would like the Commission to think about a fee schedule and come back to the table at a later date.

D. Sanders presented a request for the return of the gates on the pedestrian parts of the trails on the north side of the river below the Chamber of Commerce. The ATV traffic has increased dramatically this last year and trails have been heavily damaged. It is also a safety issue as well as an environmental concern as some of the pedestrian trails are closer to the river and the damage can cause erosion.

COMMUNITY ED

E. Bates reports that the beach passes are on sale now and they are trying to find and hire lifeguards, some of the regulars may not be back due to covid concerns. The indoor pool is open, and lessons are full. The walking club starts tonight. The current offering of classes is 80 percent filled. Requests for park rentals has increased. A new registration website will launch in September.

CITY STAFF REPORT

Staff reports that Trail Logic has revised their numbers for the Mountain Bike Ski Jump Bypass trail and the proposal will go to Council tomorrow. Staffing changes at SEH has caused a delay in the Pine Valley Master Plan Kick-off. C. Peterson will meet with them May 13th to set some meeting dates. Staff presented the annual review of the Police Department calls for the skatepark, which were largely centered around the closing due to covid.

Maintenance:

Staff reports an increased amount of graffiti issues which has been challenging. Maintenance personal are busy with seasonal changes. The Part-time position applications have been coming in, but more of the seasonal summer help applications are needed.

ACTION ITEMS

Staff shared the results of the compromise/consensus list of proposed Pine Valley trail names. C. Martinson moved to approve the proposed trail names for the Pine Valley Single Track Trail System, M. Krick seconded. (Motion Carried 6-0).

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting to be held June 7, 2021 - 4:30 p.m. (tentatively in person at City Hall)

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

Secretary