

Regular Meeting.

Parks Commission August 2, 2021 - 4:30 p.m.

City Hall

Present: C. Martinson, T. Krohn, J. Fryc, M. Krick, T. Urbanski

Absent: J. Anderson, J. Badger

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

Others: E. Bates, K. Kolodge, A. Jerde, B. Menzel, Karyn Luger, Dan Hinzmann

MINUTES

The minutes of the July 12, 2021 regular meeting were presented. Motion by J. Fryc and 2nd by T. Urbanski to approve, motion carried 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

A. Jerde from Cloquet Single Trackers shared the success of the Kids Pedal the Pines Day, which was geared toward introducing kids to mountain biking, honing skills, and having fun in Pine Valley. The CEC Mountain Bike Team was helping out and about 95 kids participated. B. Menzel said the CEC team did a great job with the younger kids.

COMMUNITY ED

E. Bates reports that two new lifeguards were hired, the total is 11. The beach has had to close a few days due to the smoke in the air and lack of lifeguards. There may be possible closures August 6th, 7th and the 15th due to continued staffing issues. A total of 196 beach passes were sold, and of that 18 were family passes. Age to Age has had a few activities for kids at the beach. This year, those 12 & older swimming without an adult have to fill out a contact information card, this card is then kept on file. When they check in the card is taken out for easy access to their contacts. The new website was launched August 1st and seems more user friendly. There are 80 classes offered this fall.

CITY STAFF REPORT

Staff reports that a small grass fire near the skatepark occurred recently. It was due to fireworks use and the video has been forwarded to the Police Dept. Prior to that a small fire occurred at Pinehurst from some young adults who threw firecrackers out of their car window. Staff is still looking into the Braun Pollinator Garden and possible grants to proceed.

ACTION ITEMS

Karyn Luger and Dan Hinzmann presented the Pine Valley Recreation Area Master Plan which was based on public and stakeholder feedback from the open house and online survey. K. Luger discussed the policy objectives, financial, budget and grant considerations. T. Urbanski moved to recommend the adoption of the Pine Valley Recreation Area Master Plan, M. Krick seconded. (Motion Carried 5-0).

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting to be held August 30, 2021 - 4:30 p.m. (City Hall)

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

Secretary