

Regular Meeting.
Parks Commission February 7, 2021 - 4:30 p.m.
Via Zoom

Present: C. Martinson, T. Urbanski, Sarah Buhs, J. Badger
Absent: T. Krohn, M. Krick
Staff: C. Peterson, K. Stedman, R. Biebl, A. Chalberg, L. Anderson
Others: E. Bates, K. Kolodge,

MINUTES

The minutes of the October 4, 2021 regular meeting were presented. Motion to approve by Urbanski 2nd by Martinson, motion carried 4-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Caleb Peterson welcomed Sarah Buhs as the newest Parks Commission member and announced that Ross Biebl will be the Parks Commission staff appointee going forward.

COMMUNITY ED

Erin Bates provided a 2021 recap for the pond and attendance and revenues were down, in large part due to the ongoing pandemic. In addition, there were fewer lifeguards and life jackets were required. Aquatic Coordinator Kimm Miens is going to be taking the Lifeguard Instructor course which will allow her to hold Lifeguarding classes to certify lifeguards in-house, rather than having interested youth having to go elsewhere to get certified. New Eleyo software has been installed for class registrations which will save time and money. Staff added that this was not a normal year, so a financial hit was expected, but The Beach will bounce back.

CITY STAFF REPORT

Staff reports that a Pine Valley Shack fund raiser has been requested, staff will invite to all the user groups for a March meeting. The largest play structure in Ashley's playground has been constructed, it took City staff 3 to 4 days. The Parks Fee schedule has been discussed with Community Ed. The City and Community Ed will evaluate The Beach rates after the summer season. Spafford Campground rates and reservation process will be established shortly.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Badger asked about the width of the playground slides in Ashley's Park and commented that the gap from the platform to the various features seems to be a bit wide. Staff stated the completed structure is designed for the older kids and the little kids equipment is coming this year. The gaps will be checked out and signage still needs to go up.

ACTION ITEMS

Staff presented the new Mettner Field Scoreboard request. The current one is 35 years old and Northland Baseball has raised the entire amount for the purchase of a new one. City staff will remove and replace the current scoreboard. Commissioner Urbanski moved to approve the purchase of the All American scoreboard from BSN Sports in the amount of \$15,301.63, Commissioner Martinson seconded, motion carried 4-0.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

Staff shared that there are four (4) applicants for the open Parks Commission seat. This will be filled after the in-person meetings resume.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting to be held March 7, 2022 - 4:30 p.m. (City Hall)
On motion duly carried by a unanimous yea vote of all members present, the Parks Commission adjourned.

Secretary