

Regular Meeting.

Parks Commission March 7, 2021 - 4:30 p.m.

City hall

**Present:** C. Martinson, T. Urbanski, Sarah Buhs, T. Krohn, M. Krick, J. Badger

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

**Others:** E. Bates, K. Kolodge,

### **MINUTES**

The minutes of the February 7, 2022 regular meeting were presented. Motion to approve with one correction by Urbanski 2<sup>nd</sup> by Martinson, motion carried 5-0.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The open Parks Commission seat will be discussed at the March 15<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

### **COMMUNITY ED**

Erin Bates had several notes to share: The Lumber Log will be out the second week in April. In the last couple of weeks Community Ed has been checking out the skates they have on hand, including to a bunch of middle school students for a one-day outdoor activity. Staff from the Park Department had taken all the skates to the arena for sharpening. The ECFE group is raising money for Sunnyside playground equipment geared for the younger children. They have \$5,200 so far. Skating with the Easter Bunny will replace the Easter Egg Hunt, there will be a DJ and treats as well as treat bags for the kids. The Age to Age group will be expanding their offerings this summer, and the summer intern will be starting soon to plan for that. More lifeguards are needed, one of the guards from last year is certified in both shallow and deep water and will do the Lifeguard Instructor Certification course next week. He will be able to hold classes and certify all the summer hires, every lifeguard will be certified in both shallow and deep water guarding. The Beach will open June 13<sup>th</sup> and the hours will be 12-6 seven days a week. Commission Martinson asked if the life vest requirement will be lifted, Erin states only if there are enough lifeguards with eyes on the pool, at a minimum six will be needed.

### **CITY STAFF REPORT**

Ross Biebl reports that the reservation process for 2022 Spafford Campground is close to being complete, a discussion with the City Staff who will take the reservations will occur this week to finalize the plan. The Boldt Riverfront Cleanup event is slated for April and one more planning meeting will be held with Boldt. The skating ribbon and Dunlap warming house are closed for the year, Sunnyside is still open, and it was noted that Athletic Park had very little activity this season. The ski trail grooming has been very good, City Staff member Pete Hughes has been grooming and setting track, as he has some background in ski trail maintenance. The Park Department will be trimming trees in the parks and a decision for Buck Thorn removal is pending. The final two pieces for Ashley's Playground have arrived and City Staff will be putting them together. Staff was contacted by a local ski coach who wants to raise funds for the timing shack, more to come on the fund raising and plans for the shack.

### **COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**

Commissioner Krohn requests a wider area of packed ski trail for the ski poles, and also asked about the signage for the trails and new maps, as the Pine Valley West map is faded. Staff will draft the plan for the next Park Commission meeting and check out the faded maps. Commissioner Badger requests checking for a possible budget surplus from last year for more trees this year.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

The schedule for officers and the 2022 election ensued. Commissioner Urbanski moves to appoint Commissioner Krick as Chairperson and Commissioner Buhs as the Vice-Chair, Commissioner Krick seconded, motion carried 6-0.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting to be held April 4, 2022 - 4:30 p.m. (City Hall)

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

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Secretary