

Regular Meeting.  
Parks Commission April 4, 2022 - 4:30 p.m.  
City hall

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

### MINUTES

The minutes of the March 7, 2022 regular meeting were presented. Motion to approve by Commissioner Urbanski and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Buhs, motion carried 4-0.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff introduced the new Parks Commissioner Matt Collins.

### COMMUNITY ED

Erin Bates reports that the Lumber Log is out and registrations for classes has begun. The Age to Age activities happening in the Parks is being planned. Grandmas will be holding one of their Wednesday Nights at the Races in Cloquet, the fees for the use of the track have been waived by the Cloquet School Board. One of the lifeguards has been certified as an instructor now and will be re-certifying some lifeguards on May 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> and later in May will be training some new lifeguards. The new registration system for The Beach will also be used to check folks at The Beach. The new system seems to be user friendly so far. Life jackets will be required this year for kids under 12. The teen registration for those at the pool without an adult will include contact information for those teens if a contact may be needed. Commissioner Badger asked about the number of days closed last year due to lack of lifeguards. There were several closures, including July 1<sup>st</sup> to the 4<sup>th</sup>. This year the staffing practices will be managed differently with requests for days off to be made in advance and allowed vacations will be planned and limited to only some of the crew.

### CITY STAFF REPORT

Per Staff, the Boldt Clean Up day will be held April 30<sup>th</sup> in and around Dunlop Island. Rink attendance was discussed, along with days closed and rink conditions. Staff thanks Commissioner Krohn for the Friends of Cloquet Parks donation. Maps for Pine Valley with the locations and examples for way finding signage were shared, Commissioners shared their suggestions, and the final decisions are pending. The upgrades for the Pine Valley timing shack were discussed. The capital will all come from fund raising which is being spearheaded by David Johnson, a Nordic Ski Coach at Marshall. Boldt will donate some of their time and City employees will also work on the upgrades. The SWCD (Carlton Soil and Water Conservation District) will be working with a MN Conservation Corps crew to treat and remove Buckthorn, around the hospital. City maintenance crews are currently working on some painting projects indoors, as well as some garbage pickup and animal waste pickup in the parks. The last two features for Braun Park were put together.

### ACTION ITEMS

Staff reviewed and recommended the approval of the 2022 CYBSA (Cloquet Youth Baseball/Softball Association) Budget. Jason Eckenberg from the CYBSA was in attendance to discuss the proposed 2022 budget. He states the one project for the summer is work on the pitching mound, price for the work is under the amount needing Commission approval. Commissioner Badger asked about parking issues and vehicles driving to the back fields. A motion was made by Commissioner Collins to accept the 2022 CYBSA Budget, seconded by Commissioner Urbanski, motion carried 5-0.

### NEXT MEETING

The next meeting to be held May 2, 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