

Regular Meeting.
Parks Commission May 2, 2022 - 4:30 p.m.
City Hall

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

MINUTES

The minutes of the April 4, 2022 regular meeting were presented. Motion to approve by Commissioner Badger and 2nd by Commissioner Martinson, motion carried 6-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

COMMUNITY ED

Erin Bates reports that two pickle ball classes are being offered and one is already full. The Age to Age events in the parks this summer are filling up. Age to Age will also be at the Pinehurst Beach a few times throughout the summer. Two lifeguard certification classes are being offered, one in May and one in June. Community Ed will reimburse the fee for the certification once a lifeguard has worked a set number of days at the Beach. If the lifeguards from last year return, the beach should be well staffed. Community Ed is adjusting concession prices to reduce the number of quarters needed for change. They are also eliminating some of the less popular concession items. The Little Lumberjacks program will be moving to Pine Tree Plaza. Commissioner Buhs asked if Community Ed still plans to require lifejackets even if they are fully staffed. Erin Bates stated that they will be reducing the age requirement for lifejackets to 11 years and younger instead of 12 years and younger.

CITY STAFF REPORT

Per Staff, the Boldt Clean Up Day was postponed due to the weather on April 30th. A make-up date will be planned in May. Parks Maintenance Person, Isaac Pfeffer, started a week and a half ago. Current Parks Maintenance Person, Karin Stedman, has accepted the Permit and Accounting Clerk position at City Hall and will be starting mid-May. The 4th of July celebration plans to return to pre-covid festivities. This will include a 5K run, basketball tournament, parade, fireworks and festivities at Veteran's Park. Sam and Julie Jacobson will be organizing the Sawdust 5k race this year. There will be a meeting on May 19th with Carlton County Soil and Water regarding the pollinator garden at Braun that is planned to be installed this fall using grant money. Field 4 at Hilltop is no longer being used by the FDLCC football team. This is now a reservable feature through Community Ed. Thank you to the Lions Club for donating a bench which was placed at Pine Valley. A revised draft of the Pine Valley wayfinding signage was presented. Staff has reached out to FDL for some translations to be included on the signs. Locations and sizes of signs were discussed. It was suggested that the June Parks Commission meeting be held at Pine Valley to further discuss locations on site. Some minor grammatical suggestions were made and will be incorporated into the next draft. A colder than average spring has delayed many maintenance tasks in the parks. The baseball games at Ed Mettner Field have been cancelled or postponed for the past two weeks, but they are playing their first game there today. Staff is starting to install irrigation meters this week.

ACTION ITEMS

Staff reviewed and recommended the Parks Commission move to recommend to City Council the Trail's Edge parks dedication – cash in lieu of land. The land Trail's Edge is proposing to donate is unusable as park space due to access and wetland, so the city recommends accepting the estimated \$7,100.00 in lieu of the land donation. Commissioner Badger asked if a walking trail/sidewalk would be an option in the area. Staff stated that sidewalks are already a part of the sub-division plan. A motion was made by Commissioner Urbanski to recommend to City Council the Trail's Edge park dedication – cash in lieu of land, seconded by Commissioner Martinson, motion carried 6-0.

United Way has requested a fee waiver for the parks reservation fee at Veterans Park. They will be hosting a backpack and barbecue event for students in Carlton County that need school supplies. Commissioner Martinson made a motion to approve the fee waiver, seconded by Commissioner Badger, motion carried 6-0.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting to be held June 6, 2022 - 4:30 p.m. (Pine Valley)

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

Secretary