

Regular Meeting.  
Parks Commission June 6, 2022 - 4:30 p.m.  
Pine Valley

**Present:** C. Martinson, M. Collins, S. Buhs, T. Krohn, M. Krick  
**Absent:** M. Collins, T. Urbanski, J Badger  
**Staff:** R. Biebl, C. Peterson  
**Others:** E. Bates, K. Kolodge, T. Willette

### MINUTES

The minutes of the May 2, 2022 regular meeting were presented. **Motion to approve by Commissioner Krohn and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Martinson, motion carried 5-0.**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tom Willette addressed the Commission regarding the possibility of converting additional tennis courts to pickleball due to use. He also inquired about making the courts a reservable feature in the park reservation system. The Commission held a discussion about costs, tennis use and the benefits and issues associated with court reservation. It was noted that the reservation system has limitations, and the Pinehurst courts still see regular use by the school district and others. Mr. Willette was asked if the group would be willing to pay for use if reservations were allowed. Staff to report back at the next meeting with cost estimates for further court retrofits.

### INFORMATION AND REPORTS

Commissioner Krohn addressed the group regarding wetland properties adjacent to Pine Valley which are part of the Brenny Dahl and Members Cooperative Credit Union sites. He reviewed tax valuations, sale status and possible uses for the properties. Staff noted the Brenny Dahl site has been on the market for a long time. State and Federal law limits the potential for development of large wetland areas. Members of the Commission may make informal inquiries into these properties, but Councilor Kolodge noted a purchase would not be likely to gain funding given future budget constraints.

### COMMUNITY ED

Erin Bates reports the Pinehurst Pond is ready to open in one week. One more lifeguard orientation is to be held with hopes of certifying 8 more guards for the season. This would amount to a total of 19 lifeguards with 6 working at a time. Lifejackets will be required for those 11 and under. An Age-to-Age grant was awarded to purchase a “Raptor Rock” to burry in the sand at the beach, but late delivery mean it will not be installed during the 2022 season.

### CITY STAFF REPORT

- Boldt Riverfront Cleanup - Delayed until May but still had approximately 40 volunteers who worked for 3 hours and collected 20 bags of garbage.
- Pinehurst Pickleball E-mail - Staff shared and e-mail requesting pickleball courts for Pinehurst. The School District uses the tennis courts 15-20 time per year.
- Pollinator Garden – The Carlton Soil and Water Conservation is preparing a grant agreement. Work could proceed in the fall if everything is approved. New Pollinator area should reduce regular maintenance needs.
- Pine Valley Wayfinding Signage – Staff reviewed proposed locations/sizes and final changes incorporated at the Commission’s request.
- Park Facebook Page – New site is up and running with Ross and the administrator.
- Maintenance Activities – Pinehurst Pond is full and mechanical system is operational. New part time employee was hired but one of the full-time staff was activated for National Guard duty. Staff thanked volunteers who help with cleanups around Pinehurst and Veterans Parks.

### ACTION ITEMS

None

### NEXT MEETING

The next meeting to be held June 27, 2022 - 4:30 p.m. (Dunlap Island Park)  
On motion duly carried by a unanimous yea vote of all members present, the Parks Commission adjourned.

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Secretary