

Regular Meeting.
Parks Commission August 29, 2022 - 4:30 p.m.
City Hall

Present: S. Buhs, T. Krohn, T. Urbanski, J Badger
Absent: M. Collins, M. Krick, C. Martinson
Staff: R. Biebl, C. Peterson
Others: E. Bates, K. Kolodge, B. Hoffman, G. Schubitzke, M. Reynolds

MINUTES

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bill Hoffman and Gary Schubitzke spoke about the pickleball groups desire to add paint for portable nets to the tennis court at Sunnyside Park. The pickleball group is willing to purchase the paint and provide all necessary labor. Discussion was held regarding the addition of 2 vs. 4 courts. Staff to meet with Mr. Hoffman and group reps to determine the preferred option.

Malakai Reynolds presented his proposed eagle scout project to replace the outdoor fire ring at Pine Valley. Discussion was held on the proposed location and construction methods. The Commission thanked Malakai for his service to the community and congratulated him on his efforts to attain the rank of eagle scout.

COMMUNITY ED

Erin Bates reports Community Ed has hired a new after school enrichment coordinator for elementary and middle school age students. New programming is underway for the fall season.

The last day of swimming at the Beach was 8/27. Raptor rocks purchased with \$3,500 Age to Age grant were delivered and will be installed for next season. Total patron numbers (7,000) remain at about half of previous years. It's unknown if this is a continuation of COVID, dislike of the lifejacket rule, or just a shift in how people recreate post COVID. Final financials should be available for Commission consideration in two months.

CITY STAFF REPORT

- Discussion regarding possible advertising at Mettner Field as a revenue source. Braun is the only example in the park system currently. Commission members asked to contact staff with further comments and questions.
- A review of the St. Louis River Bridge crossing user group meeting was presented.
- Staff reviewed limited use numbers for the Athletic Park skating rink in recent years. Discussion held about the history of the rink and how it's size and use have dwindled over the years. Commission was asked to consider future use in coming weeks as rink flooding and maintenance takes considerable staffing resources.
- Staff presented a review and action plan for ongoing vandalism in the parks this summer. Regular meetings with the PD and implementation of trail cameras have been added in recent weeks.

FDL TRAIL AGREEMENT

Renewal of agreement with FDL for portions of the Pine Valley West Trail system. No changes are proposed. **Motion by Commissioner Urbanski to recommend approval of the Trail Agreement with FDL, seconded by Commissioner Badger, motion carried 4-0.**

COMMUNITY BABY SHOWER

Request received from Carlton County Public Health for a fee waiver to hold the Community Baby Shower at Dunlap Island Park. **Motion by Commissioner Badger to approve the fee waiver for Carlton County Public Health, seconded by Commissioner Krohn, motion carried 4-0.**

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting to be held October 3, 2022 - 4:30 p.m. (City Hall)
On motion duly carried by a unanimous ye a vote of all members present, the Parks Commission adjourned.

Secretary