

Regular Meeting.
Parks Commission December 5, 2022 - 4:30 p.m.
City Hall

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

MINUTES

The minutes of the November 7, 2022, regular meeting were presented. Motion to approve by Commissioner Buhs and 2nd by Commissioner Martinson, motion carried 5-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

B. Menze from the Cloquet Single Track group inquired about Pine Valley projects planned for the sales tax funding that was recently passed. R. Biebl stated that the Master Plan has a list of items that will be considered, but all project planning will be brought back to the Parks Commission prior to any projects starting. Funding will not start to come in until the end of 2023, so plans will not be made until closer to that time.

COMMUNITY ED

E. Bates presented the final financials for the Beach at Pinehurst Park for 2022. Graphs were reviewed with revenues and expenditures as well as daily and season pass sales. Overall, a loss of 34,337.78 was reported from operations and concessions. E. Bates reported staffing costs remained consistent while attendance was down by about 7,000 from pre-covid years. There will be a survey available in the LumberLog, Pine Knot News, Pine Journal and on the Community Ed website within the next two weeks that Beach users can participate in. Staff are hoping to gain knowledge as to why numbers were lower this year from the survey. E. Bates reported the lifejacket rule for patrons 11 and under reduced the number of water rescues performed in 2022 by 65%. Ideas for increasing attendance in 2023 were discussed by Commissioners and staff. C. Peterson requested a spreadsheet from Community Ed of attendance dates/times to help to see attendance patterns.

CITY STAFF REPORT

Staff met with Tim Stark, the new CEC Nordic Ski Coach, to go over grooming expectations for Pine Valley. A new staff member is being trained in trail grooming. Some brushing/trimming was done on ski trails this Fall. The city holiday light displays are on for the season. Flooding of the skating rinks began today after being delayed due to warm temperatures. Some plumbing maintenance has been performed on the bathhouse at Pinehurst.

OTHER ITEMS

Commissioner Krohn inquired about some dying trees in the parking lot at Pine Valley. R. Biebl stated these trees will most likely be removed if the parking lot is redone in the near future.

ACTION ITEMS

None.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting to be held January 9, 2023 - 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