

Regular Meeting.
Parks Commission February 6, 2023 - 4:30 p.m.
City Hall

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

MINUTES

The minutes of the December 5, 2022, regular meeting were presented. Motion to approve by Commissioner Buhs and 2nd by Commissioner Martinson, motion carried 4-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

COMMUNITY ED

E. Bates presented the Pinehurst Beach survey results. In total, 264 people responded. Of the 264 responses, 150 attended the Beach in 2022. 94 did not attend in 2022, but had attended in previous years stating the following reasons: 1.) Lack of time; 2.) Limited Beach hours and closures to weather/staffing; 3.) Dislike of the lifejacket rule; and 4.) Other reasons. The question to all asking for additional feedback produced the following results: 1.) Would like hours extended; 2.) Facility improvements; 3.) Suggestions to alter life jacket rule; 4.) Would like the option to bring their own food; and 5.) Price.

E. Bates stated that consideration would be given to the idea of letting patrons bring their own food due to concessions not being profitable in recent years.

CITY STAFF REPORT

R. Biebl reported that the Pine Valley ski trails have seen a lot of use this Winter and are being groomed 2-3 times per week. The furnace in the timing shack has been replaced with an electric heater. Dunlap Island skating ribbon has seen good attendance. The Sunnyside warming house has been open limited hours due to staffing, so it is difficult to get an accurate attendance count. The regional designation for Pine Valley Park is being worked on and is anticipated to wrap up at the end of February. CYBSA met with R. Biebl last week to go over some adjustments to their contract which has recently expired. Staff have been performing some maintenance on the bathhouse at Pinehurst. J. Badger inquired about the status of the pollinator garden at Braun. R. Biebl stated it will be seeded in the Spring.

OTHER ITEMS

None.

ACTION ITEMS

A fee waiver request was received for the rental of Veteran's Park for the Memorial Day event on May 29th and the VFW/DAV Scholarship Picnic on July 8th. Motion to approve by T. Urbanski and 2nd by J. Badger. Motion carried 6-0. Staff recommended the Parks Commission move to appoint Commissioner Buhs as Chairperson and Commissioner Krohn as Vice-Chair of the Parks Commission on 2023. Motion to approve by C. Martinson and 2nd by J. Badger. Motion carried 6-0.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting to be held March 6, 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