

Regular Meeting.
Parks Commission May 1, 2023 4:31 p.m.
City Hall

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

MINUTES

The minutes of the March 6, 2023 regular meeting were presented. Motion to approve by Commissioner Krick and 2nd by Commissioner Martinson, motion carried 4-0.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/UPDATES

Commissioner Buhs informed the commission members that District 94 will be selling/donating their used football/soccer scoreboard. There was discussion about the city acquiring this scoreboard for use at Hilltop. R. Biebl discussed an approximate cost to install a board like this. After discussion, it was decided that the commission is not interested in pursuing this any further.

COMMUNITY ED

E. Bates reported the Skate with the Easter Bunny event was a success. They will look at doing it again next year on a smaller scale due to less funding. The ice skate loan program was a huge success, and they plan to continue it next year. The Community Education Advisory Board recently reviewed their bi-laws and found that a member of the Parks Commission should be at their meetings. If any commissioners are interested in doing this, they should contact E. Bates. Season passes have gone on sale for the Beach at Pinehurst. The Dino Dig structure will be added to the Beach this year. After contacting Bernick's, Beach/Park staff have decided to use vending machines for concessions this season with the exception of ice cream products, which will be sold at the front desk.

CITY STAFF REPORT

R. Biebl reported there was a drop in overall attendance at the skating rinks this Winter. This could be due to a shorter skating season or due to warming houses not being open to monitor numbers due to staffing. A draft of the Pine Valley Master Plan was sent to Joe with the GMRPT Commission. Joe recommended changing the park classification from a natural resources park to a special recreation features park as well as adding maintenance dollars for the bike trails. R. Biebl will continue to update commissioners on the progress of the master plan once these changes are submitted. The Riverfront Area Clean Up Day by Boldt will be Wednesday, May 17 from 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. at Dunlap Island. The pollinator garden at Braun will be planted this Spring. Summer seasonal employment applications are currently being accepted. Thank you to YoungLife for cleaning up Spafford Campground this past Saturday.

ACTION ITEMS

The 5-year CYBSA Lease Agreement for Braun Park was reviewed, and minor changes were made. A motion was made by Commissioner Krohn to accept the CYBSA Agreement for Braun Park, seconded by Commissioner Krick. Motion carried 6-0.

A fee waiver request for the use of the Dunlap Island Warming House for the ISD 94 Sunrise Breakfast was reviewed. A motion was made by Commissioner Martinson to approve the fee waiver request, seconded by Commissioner Collins. Motion carried 6-0.

A fee waiver request for the use of Veteran's Park for the Carlton County Backpack Event was reviewed. A motion was made by Commissioner Krick to approve the fee waiver request, seconded by Commissioner Krohn. Motion carried 6-0.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting to be held Monday, June 5, 2023 - 4:30 p.m. (Braun Park)
On motion duly carried by a unanimous ye a vote of all members present, the Parks Commission adjourned.

Secretary