

Regular Meeting.
Parks Commission Monday, June 5, 4:30 p.m.
Braun Park

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

MINUTES

The minutes of the May 1, 2023, regular meeting were presented. Motion to approve by Commissioner Krohn and 2nd by Commissioner Badger, motion carried 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Shawn Huls and Nate Knutson from the Cloquet Baseball Community came forward with a safety concern at Mettner Field concerning the field lighting towers. They are asking for funding from the city to buy matting to cover the deteriorating chain link fence that is currently in place. R. Biebl & C. Peterson will look at next year's budget and get back to the commission with a recommendation.

Jamie Johnson, who lives near Braun Park came forward with concerns about spectators, buses and coaches parking on the grass instead of in designated parking areas. R. Biebl will work with Matt Collins and Jason Eckenberg to send out an email to all coaches to address this with their teams.

COMMUNITY ED

E. Bates reported that The Beach will open in a week. Beach pass sales are up from this time last year, but family members included per pass are down by about half. Lifeguard/Beach Supervisor numbers are looking good, and training is going well. An email will go out to pass holders soon about changes in concessions this year.

CITY STAFF REPORT

R. Biebl reported the pollinator garden at Braun Park was seeded May 17th with native grass and wildflowers. Lack of rain has been a bit of a challenge, but things are starting to sprout. Two additional pickleball courts have been painted on the existing tennis court at Sunnyside. Portable nets can be used on these courts. The Boldt Cleanup Day on May 17th was a success, and 25 bags of garbage were collected. Crews started filling the swimming pond at Pinehurst today. There was a delay to a broken valve. Two seasonal summer staff members started last week. Spafford Campground opened May 15th and is currently full. There were 105 participants in the Log Jam bike event at Pine Valley. There was a clean up day with Members Cooperative Credit Union at Pine Valley and Pinehurst and lots of garbage was picked up.

ACTION ITEMS

None.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting date TBD, 2023 - 4:30 p.m. (Dunlap Island Park)

On motion duly carried by a unanimous yeas vote of all members present, the Parks Commission adjourned.

Secretary