

Regular Meeting.

Parks Commission, Monday, July 24 2023, 4:30 p.m.

Dunlap Island Warming House

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

MINUTES

The minutes of the June 5, 2023, regular meeting were presented. Motion to approve by Commissioner Urbanski and 2nd by Commissioner Buhs, motion carried 4-0.

COMMISSIONER UPDATES

Commissioner Krohn reported on the Pedal the Pines event at Pine Valley. They had about 100 participants and the event included free T-shirts and lunch.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jamie Johnson, who attended the June meeting with concerns about Braun Park, was present and updated staff and Commissioners on attempts to keep Braun Park patrons parking in the designated areas on off private property. Johnson reported that a temporary fence was put up in the problem area, but it was moved and never put back up. So, improvement on the situation was only temporary. Staff will continue to work on solutions for this issue.

COMMUNITY ED

E. Bates reported that park building rentals are up this year compared to last year. This may be due to requiring payment in full 14 days prior to the reservation date. Attendance is up so far this year at the Pinehurst Beach. The average so far this season is 153 patrons per day which is comparable to 2019 where the average was 156 patrons per day. The vending machines have been working out well in place of concessions. The family and individual season pass sales have been comparable to 2022. Monday, July 31 is lifeguard appreciation day, so Community Ed will be providing pizza for staff.

CITY STAFF REPORT

R. Biebl reported on the pollinator garden at Braun Park. He will be having Carlton County Soil and Water do an on-site visit to do an evaluation. The playground at Pinehurst is due to be replaced this year. Staff members are looking into grants that typically become available in the Fall, which would mean the replacement would happen in 2024. Budget requests should be given to R. Biebl by July 28th. Commissioner Buhs gave a yearly recap of the parks to Cloquet City Council last week and did a great job. City staff assisted the 4th of July Committee with preparation for the festivities at Veteran's Park and the parade. R. Biebl commended the 4th of July Committee for organizing this event. Trail clearing and brush grinding, which took about 5 days, took place on the Pine Valley ski trails. There was a water leak at Braun Park. Pressure reducers will be installed to prevent this from happening in the future. Staff continue to work this summer on regular maintenance activities.

ACTION ITEMS

None.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting to be held Monday, September 11, 2023 - 4:30 p.m. (Pine Valley Chalet)

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

Secretary