

Regular Meeting.  
Parks Commission, Monday, September 11, 2023 4:30 p.m.  
Pine Valley Chalet

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

### MINUTES

The minutes of the July 24, 2023 regular meeting were presented. Motion to approve by Commissioner Martinson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Collins, motion carried 4-0.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Dave Graham from CYBSA is requesting city funding for new netting at Braun with an estimate of \$25,000. They may be able to get half of the funds through a Twins Baseball Grant. The Parks Commission agreed to approve the project, but not the funding at this point.

Jamie Johnson updated the commission and staff on the parking issue at Braun Park. R. Biebl informed the commission that a meeting will be set up with CYBSA prior to next season to set forth a plan for 2024 to deal with this issue.

### COMMISSIONER UPDATES

Commissioner Krohn informed the commission about a federal funding grant that focuses on invasive species and vegetation management. He also informed of some funds that were recently received for Friends of Cloquet Parks.

### COMMUNITY ED

E. Bates reported that park rental revenue is up 50% from last year at this time. Preliminary Beach numbers were discussed including attendance being up 30% and revenue up \$4,000 from last year. Final numbers will be presented at a later date once vending machine revenue is in. Community Ed is looking into a DNR grant for low-income families to have more access to aquatic activities. Funds could be used for: Lifeguard training & swimming lesson scholarships.

### CITY STAFF REPORT

R. Biebl reported that Northwoods Arena is currently getting a new cooling tower. An RFP was put out to 4 vendors for playground replacement at Pinehurst. The city also applied for a grant to help with the funding of this project. Minor vandalism occurred at Braun Park including damage to the concession building and 3 scoreboards had electrical issues. A position is open for a part-time parks maintenance person. Maintenance activities are winding down for the season. The pollinator garden at Braun received a good report from Alyssa with Carlton County Soil & Water.

### ACTION ITEMS

Staff recommends the Parks Commission move to recommend approval of the 2024 Park Fund Operating Budget and move to recommend approval of the 2024-2028 Park CIP. A motion was made by Commissioner Krick to approve both of these items; seconded by Commissioner Martinson. Motion carried 5-0.

### NEXT MEETING

The next meeting to be held October 2, 2023 - 4:30 p.m. (Northwoods Arena)  
On motion duly carried by a unanimous ye vote of all members present, the Parks Commission adjourned.

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Secretary