

Regular Meeting.  
Parks Commission November 6, 2023 4:30 p.m.  
Northwoods Arena

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

### **MINUTES**

The minutes of the October 2, 2023 regular meeting were presented. Motion to approve by Commissioner Krick and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Martinson, motion carried 5-0.

### **COMMUNITY ED**

E. Bates provided handouts reviewing the Beach customer survey and 2023 season financials. Admission revenues were up, and the overall operations deficit decreased approximately \$9,000 as compared to last season. A long conversation was held regarding recent operations deficits for this facility and its sustainability long term. C. Peterson gave some history on the facility reconstruction and debt service issued in 2008. The consensus of the group was any considerations for a major change would likely be driven by when bond payments come to an end. Commissioner Buhs had questions regarding Beach marketing and offered to share details of a potential grant source which may assist with future marketing costs.

### **CITY STAFF REPORT**

R. Biebl reported on a meeting with the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission (GMRPTC) at Pine Valley. Overall the GMRPTC seemed impressed with Pine Valley and the application for designations. Staff will keep the Commission informed and the process moves forward.

R. Biebl provided a brief update on staffing, current maintenance efforts and recent mechanical issues at Northwoods Arena.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

After an in-depth review last year, staff are not recommending any changes to the 2024 fee schedule for parks. Motion to approve by Commissioner Krick and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Krohn, motion carried 5-0.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting to be held December 4, 2023 - 4:30 p.m. (City Hall)  
On motion duly carried by a unanimous yeas vote of all members present, the Parks Commission adjourned.

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Secretary