

Regular Meeting.

Parks Commission February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024 4:30 p.m.

City Hall

**Present:** C. Martinson, T. Urbanski, Sarah Buhs, J. Badger, M. Krick, J. Rosen

**Absent:** M. Collins, T. Krohn

**Staff:** C. Peterson, R. Biebl, K. Stedman, A. Chalberg

**Others:** E. Bates, K. Kolodge,

### **MINUTES**

The minutes of the January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 regular meeting were presented. Motion to approve by Commissioner Krick and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Rosen, motion carried 5-0.

### **COMMISSIONERS UPDATES/COMMENTS**

Commissioners discussed potential changes to the Parks Commission By-Laws. R. Biebl will put a draft together that reflects the potential changes and bring it to the next meeting for further discussion and/or approval.

### **COMMUNITY ED**

E. Bates presented a report on the 2023 facility rentals. It was reported that there was an increase in revenue due to an increase in the number of rentals, fee increases and requiring renters to pay at the time of reservation. Commissioners and staff discussed which funds the revenue from the rental facilities go in to.

### **CITY STAFF REPORT**

R. Biebl reported on the CSWCD Invasive Species Grant for buckthorn removal. The work will be performed in the next few months and the City's portion of the fee will be 3862.50. This work will be performed on city-owned land near Community Memorial Hospital. In addition, buckthorn removal will be performed on city-owned land in Riverfront Park and this will be funded by CSWCD. The skating ribbon at Dunlap is closed for the season due to warm temperatures and lack of ice. Sunnyside and Pinehurst rink remains open at this time. Other parks maintenance activities include tree pruning, buckthorn removal & building of park benches.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

The 2024-2025 Community Education Agreement was presented. A motion was made to recommend approval of the 2024-2025 Agreement with Independent School District #94 and Cloquet Community Education by Commissioner Urbanski and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Krick, motion carried 6-0.

A fee waiver request was presented for the "School's Out Party" at Veteran's Park. A motion was made to waive the park reservation fee and approve the use of Veteran's Park for a School's Out Party by Commissioner Krick and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Martinson, motion carried 6-0.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting to be held March 4, 2024 - 4:30 p.m. (City Hall)

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

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Secretary