

Regular Meeting.
Parks Commission January 8, 2024 4:30 p.m.
Northwoods Arena

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

MINUTES

The minutes of the November 6, 2023, regular meeting were presented. Motion to approve by Commissioner Martinson and 2nd by Commissioner Krohn, motion carried 5-0.

COMMUNITY ED

R. Biebl reported with a handout on behalf of E. Bates. Community Education was awarded the MDE Aquatics grant for 2024-2025 programming. Funds will be used for swim lesson scholarships, Water Safety Instructor/Lifeguard training & season passes for the Beach. Community Education also received a grant from the MN Arts Board to provide theater camp & supplement the after-school enrichment program. In January, staff will find out if Community Ed was chosen to receive a DNR grant. Ice skate check out has been slow due to the warm weather. Park rental revenue for 2023 is at a record high. A report will be provided soon.

CITY STAFF REPORT

R. Biebl reported that Pine Valley has received regional designation. This will make it possible to apply for more funding including Legacy funding for the park. Kudos to all of the staff and volunteers who helped to make this possible. City Staff met with CAHA and ISD 94 to review contracts. More discussion will be needed prior to finalizing. The City has hired two new park staff members, Bryce Oslin & Don Christenson. Rinks have been slow to get going due to the warm weather. Ski trails have not been groomed yet due to lack of snowfall.

ACTION ITEMS

Staff recommends the Park Commission move to appoint Commissioner Krohn as Chairperson and Commissioner Badger as Vice-Chair of the Park Commission in 2024. Motion to approve by Commissioner Martinson and 2nd by Commissioner Krick, motion carried 5-0.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting to be held February 5, 2024 - 4:30 p.m. (City Hall)
On motion duly carried by a unanimous yea vote of all members present, the Parks Commission adjourned.

Secretary