

Regular Meeting.
Parks Commission March 4, 2024 4:30 p.m.
Dunlap Island Park

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

MINUTES

The minutes of the February 5, 2024 regular meeting were presented. Motion to approve by Commissioner Badger and 2nd by Commissioner Martinson, motion carried 4-0.

COMMUNITY ED

E. Bates reported that Community Education has issued approximately 50 swim lesson scholarships so far using the funds they received from the aquatics grant. In April, applications will become available for Beach passes funded from the same grant. 5 new lifeguards were recently certified for the Beach at Pinehurst. Community Education will have one more certification class prior to the Beach opening. Staffing is looking good for the upcoming season. Vending machine profits for 2023 at the Beach were about \$300-\$400, but the machines were not in place until well after the Beach opened for the season. Community Education recently purchased a kiln with funds received from an After School Enrichment Grant from the MN State Arts Board. Funds from this grant will also be used for Theatre Camp and to supplement after school arts and crafts activities. Donations have been coming in for the School's Out Party on June 6th.

CITY STAFF REPORT

The buckthorn removal below the Chamber of Commerce has been completed, it continues near the hospital. R. Biebl has been in contact with Carlton County regarding understory restoration once the buckthorn removal has been completed. Due to the short skating season and lack of staff to track numbers, a report will not be presented this season on skating rink attendance. City Staff have been performing building maintenance at Pinehurst as well as general park clean up in recent weeks. R. Biebl has been contacted by 2 Eagle Scouts regarding projects they would like to do at Pine Valley. Both Scouts will attend the April Parks Commission meeting to present their ideas. CYBSA will be attending the April Parks Commission meeting to go over their financials. Copies of the proposed 2024 budget and 2023 profit and loss statements were provided for Commissioners to review prior.

ACTION ITEMS

Commissioners along with staff went through the Parks Commission By-Laws and made some changes. A motion was made by Commissioner Urbanski to move to recommend approval of the Parks Commission By-Laws Amendment and seconded by Commissioner Rosen, motion carried 6-0.

OTHER

Councilor Kolodge informed the Commission that Council has asked MN DOT to include dedicated pedestrian/ATV lanes with the Highway 33 Corridor project planning. One of the goals is to reduce the ATV traffic in the parks.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting to be held April 1, 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