

Regular Meeting.
Parks Commission, April 1, 2024, 4:30 p.m.
City Hall

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

MINUTES

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

R. Biebl reported that Commissioner Rosen has turned in her resignation due to moving out of Cloquet.

COMMISSIONERS UPDATE/OTHER

Commissioner Krick reported that he is getting more information about a pollinator grant of up to \$50,000 through the State of MN. He will keep the commission updated as he finds out more regarding this grant. Michael Kruse has been working with city staff on an Eagle Scout project at Pine Valley. He presented his plan to install a bike repair station near the single-track trailhead.

COMMUNITY ED

E. Bates reported that the Skate with the Easter Bunny event went well at Northwoods Arena. Attendance was approximately 150 and Walmart and SuperOne donated prizes. Registration for Beach season passes opened today. The LumberLog will come out next week and the Beach scholarship applications will be available soon.

CITY STAFF REPORT

R. Biebl reported that the city received a letter of intent from Mike Medich to donate up to \$1,000,000.00 on behalf of George & Helen Medich for the addition of a multipurpose chalet at Pine Valley. SEH will be working on the design and cost estimate for this project. The city will partner with Boldt again this Spring for the Earth Day Clean-up event on May 4th. More information on this event will be available soon. Applications are being accepted for the summer seasonal positions. The city is looking to fill 5-7 positions. Braun Park has recently had some damage due to vehicles driving on the soft ground. Some gates have been locked to help prevent further damage. The safety netting supports near the concession stand at Braun have some structural issues. The city will work with CBYSA to get these supports fixed. Parks maintenance activities this month include Getting pickleball and tennis nets up, playground inspections & general park clean-up. The city will be auctioning off the old Pinehurst playground equipment prior to installation of the new equipment which will begin in June.

ACTION ITEMS

Ryan McCausland presented the 2024 budget for CYBSA. The only big item for 2024 is new netting which will be partially paid for by the MN Twins Baseball grant. A motion was made by Commissioner Urbanski to move to accept the 2024 CYBSA budget and seconded by Commission Krick. Motion carried 5-0.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting to be held May 6, 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