

Regular Meeting.
Parks Commission June 3, 4:30 p.m.
City hall

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

MINUTES

The minutes of the May 6, 2024 regular meeting were presented. Motion to approve by Commissioner Badger and 2nd by Commissioner Urbanski, motion carried 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jamie & Joseph Johnson provided an update on the parking at Braun Park. The issues they have presented in the past are still happening. The commission was able to take a tour of the park during an active time and witness some of the parking concerns. Discussions included the addition of no trespassing signs and the possibility of adding a gate/fence to certain areas.

COMMISSIONER UPDATES

Commissioner Krohn reported that he has been in communication with Cyclists of Gitchee Gumees Shores (COGGS). They have expressed interest in including the Cloquet Single-Trackers in their group. It was suggested by staff that Commissioner Krohn have a discussion with the Cloquet Single-Trackers to see if there is any interest.

HOCKEY DAY CLOQUET PRESENTATION

Nate Knutson presented his ideas/plans for "Hockey Day Cloquet" this winter. Plans included 2 rinks at Veteran's Park, food vendors and a full week of activities along with an additional week of open ice time for the public. Commissioners discussed funding and approval from local veteran's groups with Nate. This event will be presented to City Council for approval on June 18th.

COMMUNITY ED

E. Bates reported that the Beach at Pinehurst is set to open on June 10th. They have sold 49 family passes and 45 scholarship passes have been granted. The "School's Out Picnic" will be held on June 6th at Veteran's Park. The Age to Age Northern Foundation will provide funding for Skate with the Easter Bunny and possibly for a Winter Solstice event at Dunlap.

CITY STAFF REPORT

R. Biebl reported that the Pinehurst Playground is in the process of being assembled and is expected to be completed by the end of next week. The fencing at Mettner Field was completed last week and looks great. Thank you to Kiminski Paving for their \$5000.00 donation towards this project. The "No Trespassing" signs for Braun Park have been ordered. Maintenance crews have been spending most of their time trying to keep up with mowing. The Part-Time Parks Maintenance position has not been filled yet, but staff will be going through applications soon. Work will begin on the skinny track boy scout project at Pine Valley this month. Open skating at NWCU Arena will begin in June and dates/times will be posted on the City of Cloquet Parks Department Facebook page.

ACTION ITEMS

R. Biebl presented information on applying for Legacy Funding. A motion was made by Commissioner Urbanski to move to recommend city staff apply for Legacy Funding, seconded by Commissioner Buhs. Motion carried 4-0.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting to be held July 1st, 2024 - 4:30 p.m. (Pine Valley)
On motion duly carried by a unanimous yeas vote of all members present, the Parks Commission adjourned.

Secretary