

Regular Meeting.
Parks Commission August 5, 2024 4:30 p.m.
Pine Valley

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

MINUTES

The minutes of the June 3, 2024 regular meeting were presented. Motion to approve by Commissioner Krick and 2nd by Commissioner Martinson, motion carried 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jamie & Joseph Johnson reported that the parking/trespassing problems at Braun Park are ongoing. R. Biebl reported that the signs have been made and will be installed soon.

COMMUNITY ED

E. Bates reported that 866 season passes to the Beach have been sold this year, an increase from 711 last year. 50 of these passes will be paid for by the Aquatics Grant. A lottery system was used to award grant-paid passes. June was slow at the Beach due to the weather, but July has saw 1200 more visitors than last year. The Beach will close for the season on August 10th. Commissioner Buhs had a question for E. Bates regarding the information on the city's alcohol policy the facility renters are receiving. E. Bates stated that the policy is listed in the contract they sign at the time of reservation.

CITY STAFF REPORT

R. Biebl reported that the new Pinehurst Playground has been completed with the exception of a sidewalk panel and a few wood fibers. The application for Legacy funding was submitted last week and the commission will be doing a site visit next week. A final decision on the awarding of funds is expected in January of 2025 and then will have to be approved by the legislature in June of 2025. The projects that were included in the Legacy Funding application were: Replacement and additional lighting on the ski trails, ski jump maintenance, and parking lot maintenance. The new skinny course has been installed at Pine Valley as part of an Eagle Scout project and a bike repair station will be installed soon. Staff will be meeting with architects for the planning of the new building at Pine Valley funded by the Medich family. City staff has been working on mowing, weeding and event setup and cleanup. The part-time parks maintenance position has been filled.

ACTION ITEMS

R. Biebl presented the 2025 Park Fund Operating Budget and the 2025-2029 Park CIP. A motion was made by Commissioner Krick to move recommend approval of the 2025 Park Fund Operating Budget and the 2025-2029 Park CIP, seconded by Commissioner Martinson, motion carried 5-0.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting to be held September 9, 2024 - 4:30 p.m. (Pinehurst)
On motion duly carried by a unanimous yea vote of all members present, the Parks Commission adjourned.

Secretary