



**MINUTES**  
**PARKS & RECREATION BOARD**  
**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**  
**Monday, April 8, 2024, 5:30PM**  
**Civic Auditorium Office**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Called to order by Missy Reynolds. Board Members present: Maurie Tomke, Tom Clarey, Linda Keifer. Also present were: Rec Superintendent-Sue Edmondson, Park Superintendent-Todd Espeland. Absent: Mike Johnson.

**ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA**

Pool Policy-New Business

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING**

Motion made by Tomke. Second by Clarey. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF INVOICES**

Motion made by Keifer. Second by Clarey. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Continue Visioning**

- Discussion of what to do with tennis courts
  - Sue will call Tennis Services to get their thoughts

**Safety Needs (ESPN Funded)**

- Sidewalk cracks at pool
  - LaHarv getting quotes and materials
- Playground updates
  - Not ADA compliant
  - Pammel-Pond Park
    - Replace swings
      - Outdated quote of 17K
    - Replace fall surfacing with wood fiber
      - Estimated cost 5K
    - Todd looking into updated quotes

**Pool Policy**

- Discussed how to handle issues

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Rec Report, Sue**

- Alumni went very well again this year
  - 18 teams, no major injuries
- Baseball/Softball Signup complete...Sue working on making teams, Brett working on overall schedule
- Summer Brochure will be printed soon
- Pool Staff meeting coming up so all can complete tax forms and get suits, clothing
- Hopefully start getting Aquatic Center ready to go if weather cooperates.

### **Park Report, Todd**

- DNR forester will be here on 4/30 in Thomas Bears at 5pm
  - Topics: Urban Forestry and Buckthorne Management
- Working on purchasing stump grinder
  - Quoted at 9K-split between four departments
- Neighborhood Forest Project 4/23
  - Planting 20 trees along Hynes Spur Trail
  - Each child gets a tree for helping
- Forest City Enhancement Committee
  - Did not receive TAP grant for 300K
    - Will submit again next year
  - Received Winnebago Foundation Grant of 75K
  - Moving forward with Tim Coffey Trail and Yellow Bridge Project
    - Engineers coming to test bridge
- East Woods road grated and gates open last week
- Winnebago River Project Update
  - Daisy emailing with Nate and Glen
- Todd took fieldtrip to several neighboring towns parks and dog parks
  - Ideas he brought back
    - Map of parks and how to get to them on city website
    - Tire with sand at dog park
    - Disc golf signage
      - Contacted graphic designer in New Hampton
- CPO class this week
- Opening restrooms and dump station within next week
- Mowing will start next week
- Summer staffing is coming together

### **ESPN Fund**

- \$51,362.12

### **Other Old Business**

- None

### **ADJOURN**

Motion by Tomke. Second by Clarey. Motion carried.