



MINUTES
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
Monday, August 8, 2022, 5:30PM
Parks & Rec Office

CALL TO ORDER

Called to order by Missy Reynolds. Board Members present: Linda Keifer, Maurie Tomke, Missy Reynolds, Mike Johnson. Also present were: Rec Superintendent Sue Edmondson, Park Superintendent Todd Espeland. Absent: Chad Reece. Guests: Norma Hertzler.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA

Approval to sell '04 Chevy added by Todd

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

Motion made by Johnson. Second by Kiefer. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES

Motion made by Reynolds. Second by Keifer. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Trail Discussion

- Trail Development Update
 - Daisy and the City are working on the J Street Cultural Corridor
 - Trail extension will become a priority in the next 2-3 years
- Forest City Enhancement Committee is a 501c3 created to enhance the community
 - Potential to help with trail signage, exercise equipment along the trail, etc.
- Creating critical connections
 - Creating a safe connection between the trail and the clinic
 - Creating a path crossing at Hwy 9 in the future
 - Priority for this board is the trail to the pool for safety reasons
- Norma working on a strategy for grant writing to prevent conflict between the J Street project and other trail improvements

Other New Business

- Selling 2004 Chevy
 - Has not been used this summer
 - Inheriting a truck from Water Department
 - Todd would like to see under sealed bid as soon as possible

Motion made by Linda Keifer to sell the 2004 Chevy pickup by silent bid. Seconded by Mike Johnson. All in favor. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Rec Report, Sue

- 40 girls signed up for volleyball, starts 9/10
- Approximately 80 4-6- and 7-9-year-old kids signed up for soccer, starts 9/10
- People are starting to ask about using the gym for weekend tournament team practices
 - Available after 10/28
- Interviewing for a cleaning person for winter months

Park Report, Todd

- Damn update
 - City Council supports moving forward with permitting
 - Norma working on additional grants
 - US Fish & Wildlife is interested in helping with project
 - Mussel report is good and this is furthest North they have been found in the Winnebago River
 - Committed to match funds up to \$150,000 at this time
 - Conversation with Nate and Glen from DNR, Louise from US Fish & Wildlife and Todd
 - Deconstruction and construction expected to begin next summer
 - Nate is coming to do another presentation at council meeting 11/21
- Been working on getting the Trailhead cleaned up
 - Concrete and trees will be added
- Bench and trees in Merrick Park as a memorial for Barney
 - Expecting to complete sometime this fall
- Keeping up with the park roads
 - Box scraper has been very helpful
- Campground is down in profit of \$2,400
- Mowing has been slow with lack of rain
- Summer staff leaving over the next couple weeks

ESPN Fund

- \$35,982.87 (no update)

Other Old Business

- Pool Update
 - Mark Pleva found an impeller for the filtration pump in Rhode Island
 - Pump was installed 7/29 and the Aquatic Center opened back up August 2
 - Attendance has been outstanding
 - Aquatic Center will close for the season August 9 due to lifeguards taking Waldorf classes starting August 10 and also due to fall activities in full swing.

ADJOURN

Motion by Tomke. Second by Johnson. Motion carried.