



**MINUTES**  
**PARKS & RECREATION BOARD**  
**RESCHEDULED MONTHLY MEETING**  
**Thursday, January 18, 2024, 5:30 PM**  
**Rec Office**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA**

None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING**

Motion made by Tomke. Second by Keifer. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF INVOICES**

Motion made by Keifer. Second by Tomke. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- **Lifeguard Wages**
  - Sue led the discussion regarding wages and incentives for 2024 lifeguards
  - Competing with convenience stores and Winnebago Ind.
  - Sue suggests \$1.00 raise across the board plus \$.25 for every year of experience
  
- **2024 Budgets**
  - Budget worksheets were presented and discussed for the 2024/2025 Fiscal Year

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Rec Report, Sue**

- Valentine's Party at the Civic Auditorium
  - Saturday, February 10th
  - Grades 1st - 6th
- Sunday Pick-up Basketball has started
- Nelson Plbg/Heating will begin electrical upgrades at the Civic Auditorium by end of January
- Sue and Brett will begin working on the summer softball/baseball info to be out mid-February...Sign-ups start March 1<sup>st</sup>

**Park Report, Todd**

- Skid Loader and Brush Cutter
  - Purchase was split between Street, Water/Sewer, Electric, and Parks Departments
- Thomas Barse Park
  - Clearing of Buckthorn, underbrush, and dead trees
  - Will continue to keep clear by mowing for 1-2 years
  - Long term goal is to revegetate with native grasses/shrubs/trees to prevent Buckthorn regrowth and to create a Natural Playground with mowed or mulched trail through the timber

- Ice Rink
  - Area in Pammel Park has been flooded and frozen
  - Efforts to resurface will continue
  - Help from the Street Department
- Aquatic Center Trail
  - Received a budget quote from Heartland Asphalt (Driveway trail only = \$38,882.80 and Driveway Trail + Trail to 7th Street = \$77,045.85)
  - Will look for grant opportunities

**ESPN Fund**

- \$49,257.82

**Other Old Business**

- None

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Motion by Tomke. Second by Keifer. Motion carried.