



MINUTES
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
Tuesday, June 21, 2022, 5.30PM
Rec Office

CALL TO ORDER

Called to order by Chad Reece. Board Members present: Linda Keifer and Missy Reynolds via phone call. Also present were: Rec Superintendent, Sue Edmondson, Park Superintendent, Todd Espeland, and City Administrator, Daisy Huffman

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA

Todd Espeland added Leaf Collector/Aerator/Dethatcher to the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

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

APPROVAL OF INVOICES

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

NEW BUSINESS

Merrick Park Playground ESPN Fund Payment

- Playground was installed on Monday, Jun 20, 2022.
- Safety Surface will be installed later this week
- Payment of \$19,380.00 will be made to Boland Recreation from the ESPN Fund account, as approved by the Board in a previous meeting

Winnebago River Revitalization Project Discussion

- Previous construction cost estimate has doubled to approximately \$310,000.
- New funding sources are available that would potentially cover the City's cost of the project
- Permitting by the DNR needs to happen soon and Todd is looking for the Board to vote on moving forward with permit applications....Motion to move forward with permitting made by Keifer, seconded by Reynolds. Motion carried.

Flail/Collection/Aerator/Dethatcher Unit

- Todd is asking the Board to approve the order of the unit which will cost \$13,590.00 which was budgeted for fiscal year '22/'23 and will be used for fall leaf collection, aerating and dethatching of athletic fields and parks
- Motion made by Reynolds to approve the order. Second by Keifer. Motion carried.

Other New Business

- None

OLD BUSINESS

Rec Report, Sue

- Aquatic Center
 - Lifeguard moral is much better this year
 - Close @ 5:00 on July 4th
 - Will be closed on July 30 due to lack of guards available
 - Have 40 kids on Swim Team
 - Have 8 for Monday, Wednesday, Friday Lap Swim
 - 8 pool parties scheduled for July

- Baseball/Softball Programs
 - The season is going great for all levels
 - Brett has been re-scheduling several games, due to excessive heat

Park Report, Todd

- Tree Planting Day/Volunteers/HS Class
 - Rain date was May 27
 - 46 Trees Planted in various parks
 - Approximately 70 volunteers from Winnebago's Community Go program
 - 45 were on trees
 - Other projects included: Painting showerhouse, landscaping at Hanson Trail Head, Spreading rock around play equipment in Pammel and Sunshine Parks, Cleaning debris for mowers along Korth Trail
 - High School May Term class build bat houses and hung them in Clarks' Woods
- Ash Tree Treatment
 - Todd updated the Board on the progress of treatment
- Tree Seminar - Jul 19, 2022
 - A DNR Forester will host a tree seminar open to the public
 - Tree identification will be the emphasis
- Campground Showerhouse/RR
 - Many improvements have been made
- Mower Maintenance
 - There have been a few unexpected break downs on mowers but all have been fixed and are up and running
- Pool Entrance Sign
 - Todd is working with Sue and the Rotary Club to landscape
 - Eastvold Landscaping has submitted a quote of two options
- Vandalism
 - A string of graffiti was found in Boman and Sunshine Parks, at the Aquatic ball fields, and along Hynes' Spur and Korth Trails
 - Police department was notified and also contacted HS principal, Ken Baker for help

ESPN Fund

- \$33,326.27

Other Old Business

- Visioning (Projects that were discussed in February meeting were ranked)
 - 1) Campground RR/Shower House
 - 2) Lifeguard Recruitment
 - 3) Aquatic Center Trail
 - 4) Ball Fields
 - 5) Tennis/Pickleball Courts
 - 6) Bike Trails
 - 7) Trail Head for river activities

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Motion by Reynolds. Second by Keifer. Motion carried.