



MINUTES
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
Monday, March 21, 2022, 5.30PM
Civic Stage

CALL TO ORDER

Called to order by Chad Reece. Board Members present: Missy Reynolds, Mike Johnson, Maurie Tomke, & Linda Keifer via FaceTime call. Also present were: Rec Program Director, Brett Geelan, Park Superintendent, Todd Espeland. Absent: Rec Superintendent, Sue Edmondson

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA

Chad Reece added Board Structure to the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

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

APPROVAL OF INVOICES

Motion made by Reynolds. Second by Thomke. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Board Structure

- Discussion about nominating/electing Board Chairperson
 - Chad Reece was nominated by Keifer. Second by Johnson. Motion carried to elect Chad Reece as Board Chair

Other New Business

- None

OLD BUSINESS

Rec Report, Brett

- Alumni Tournament, April 1-3
 - 5 Teams in each division with 3 divisions
 - \$100/Team Entry
- Lifeguards
 - Meeting 3/19 with 6 guards present
 - Hoping for at least 12 guards for summer
 - Hours of operation will be altered due to low guard numbers
 - Discussion of future incentive program for lifeguard recruitment/retention
- Summer SB/BB Programs
 - Deadline is May 25.
 - All coaches are in place for each team
 - It was recommended by Reynolds that Brett discuss with the league/commissioner that the "Midget" classification be changed

- Summer Intern
 - An intern from Waldorf University will be with the department
 - Some, but not limited to, of the duties will include umpiring and maintenance

Park Report, Todd

- DNR Tree Meeting
 - EAB presence/damage is becoming more obvious
 - Merrick park Oak trees have a bark fungus which will not cause trees to die
 - Summer '21 tree inventory marked 25 trees for removal
- DNR Tree Plant Grant
 - Applying for the maximum amount (\$5,000) on a \$1 for \$1 grant
 - Expecting to get a portion of the maximum
 - Mapping of new trees is complete
 - In the process of receiving quotes from nurseries
 - Grant is due March 30th and will be awarded April 13
- Attended U of M Shade Tree Short Course
- Pammel Park River Road
 - Barricaded the road south of campground due to melting piles of snow that contain debris
 - Ground damage in the park from a vehicle driving off-road

ESPN Fund

- \$49,172.37

Other Old Business

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

ADJOURN

Motion by Reynolds. Second by Thomke. Motion carried.