



MINUTES
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
Monday, March 11, 2024, 5:30 PM
Rec Office

CALL TO ORDER

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

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

Motion made by Reynolds. Second by Tomke. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES

Motion made by Reynolds. Second by Tomke. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- None

OLD BUSINESS

Rec Report, Sue

- Preparing/Planning Alumni Basketball Tournament, April 5,6,7
 - Lots of work on bulletin board pictures
 - Have brackets out to players
 - Have officiating schedule out
- Sunday Basketball
 - 15-20 participants
- Aquatic Center Staff
 - 27 total lifeguards - 12 new hires
 - 6 concession workers and 5 front desk staff
- Baseball/Softball Programs
 - Signup is now open and will close March 27. No exceptions to late signups or preference of coaches
- T-shirt/Uniform orders
 - Will start with Alumni Tournament t-shirt orders then lifeguard shirts, sweatshirt, and suit orders followed by baseball/softball t's
- Also working on the Summer Brochure

Park Report, Todd

- Thomas Barse Field Day - April 30th at 5:00
 - Hosted by DNR Forester
 - Topics to include Urban Forestry, Buckthorn Management, and Spring Ephemerals

- Tree Planting
 - Rotary has expressed interest in planting
 - Winnebago/YMCA through “Neighborhood Forest” kids planting
 - Todd is interested in possibly having these groups plant along south end of Hynes’ Trail to replace the Ash trees currently in the area
- Forest City Enhancement Committee Grant Submittals
 - Submitted TAP grant application for \$300,000 - review/voting will be March 29th
 - Submitted WGO Foundation grant application for \$200,000 - review/voting will be March 18th
 - If awarded, will move forward with Phase 1 of the Tim Coffey bike/walking asphalt trail
- Clark’s Woods
 - Road has been graded
 - Opened the gates on Monday, March 11th
- Security Cameras
 - Todd has been working with Daisy and Electronic Engineering regarding cameras to potentially be placed at shelters/restrooms/pool
 - Waiting for quotes to determine moving forward
- Hynes’ Trail Map Edit
 - Jeff Barth brought to Todd’s attention that the online trail map still locates a restroom at his house. Julianna is helping to edit the Chamber’s website and DeeAnn is helping to edit the City’s website

ESPN Fund

- \$49,257.82

Other Old Business

- Discussion on allocating ESPN funds to safety needs in/around aquatic center and parks
 - Todd will seek quotes for crack fillment at the aquatic center
 - The Board has asked Sue and Todd to bring safety needs to the April meeting
- Discussion on updating Visioning list
 - Will be added to the April agenda for further discussion

ADJOURN

Motion by Tomke. Second by Reynolds. Motion carried.