



# Forest City

## PARKS & RECREATION

**MINUTES**  
**PARKS & RECREATION BOARD**  
**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**  
**Monday, October 10, 2022, 5.30PM**  
**Civic Aud Office**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

### **ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA**

None

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING**

Motion made by Johnson. Second by Tomke. Motion carried.

### **APPROVAL OF INVOICES**

Motion made by Johnson. Second by Tomke. Motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Hanson Trail Head Site Visit and Discussion**

- Continued discussion from September meeting regarding outside interest in purchasing a portion of the park.
- The potential buyer expressed two options of interest: The west 60' or the west 30'.
- The Board had no interest in the 60' option
- 30' option was discussed
  - Future goals and visions of the park
  - Potential contingency of buyer installing 6' or 8' privacy fence
  - The Board agreed that there is no interest in selling a portion of the park at this time

#### **Other New Business**

- None

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Rec Report, Sue & Brett**

- Soccer Program
  - Brett spoke regarding the communication breakdown with Waldorf University soccer coaches and why they were not able to lead the program.
  - The Garner coach has done a great job
  - 90 kids in the program
  - Saturday, October 15 is the last day.
- Volleyball
  - Anna Ramaker led the program and did a great job.
  - Tried to recruit two additional coaches but unsuccessful.
- Halloween Party on October 29th
  - DJ with lights – no cost for the DJ due to summer party cancellation

- Girls Basketball
  - 10 teams registered
  - Registration deadline is Friday, October 14th and expecting a couple more teams
- Civic Gym Floor
  - Is currently being refinished due to flaking of last summer's finish
  - It was determined that previous installers did not properly screen the finish which over time has caused the flaking

#### **Park Report, Todd**

- Lawn Mower Donation
  - A FC citizen donated a John Deere E160 with a 48" deck
  - Not a commercial mower but will use where we can
- Hynes' Spur Trail Bench/Marker
  - Todd believes that the bench and marker were moved by the contracted mowers at Winnebago Ind.
  - Both will be reinstalled at previous locations
- DNR Grant submitted (Winnebago River Revitalization Project)
  - \$75,000 match application
  - Thank you to Norma Hertzner and Autumn Peterson for their help
  - Todd is confident that we will score good and receive award
  - Awards given in December of '22
  - If awarded, will start working with US Fish & Wildlife for funding
- Aquatic Field Dugout Fences Installed
  - Will be paid for by ESPN Fund (\$4,420.00)
- Merrick Park Memorial Bench Installed (Barney Ruitter)
- Winterizing of Restroom Buildings has begun
- Campground will close October 17th

#### **ESPN Fund**

- \$38,239.87

#### **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 Keifer. Second by Reynolds. Motion carried.