



Forest City

PARKS & RECREATION

MINUTES
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
Monday, October 9, 2023, 5:30 PM
Rec Office

CALL TO ORDER

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

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

Motion made by Tomke. Second by Clarey. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES

Motion made by Tomke. Second by Clarey. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Miniature Golf**
 - Discussion about getting a course on the Board's visioning goals list for a potential future project
 - Clarey visited the Lake Mills course
 - High volume of participants
 - Low maintenance facility
 - Board will revisit the idea in the next visioning meeting

OLD BUSINESS

Rec Report, Sue

- Soccer League
 - Last day will be Oct. 14 due to a canceled week because of coaches being ill
 - Some feedback expressing the need for a couple more coaches
- Volleyball League
 - Finished on Oct. 7th
 - Sue received a lot of positive feedback this year from program surveys
- Grades 1-4 Halloween party will be on October 21
- Aquatic Center
 - Sandblasting started Oct. 2 - progress is slow due to Diamond Brite surface coating
- Parks and Rec Office has new paint and carpet
- Requests for gym usage are increasing and basketball practices will begin this week with various weekend youth tournament teams and High School/JV
 - Discussion about gym rental/fees vs free

Park Report, Todd

- Winnebago River Revitalization Project
 - US Fish/Wildlife has finalized account setup with Daisy
 - Ready for DNR to move forward with bidding process
- Campground
 - Official close date is Oct. 15 but usually has units until end of the month
 - Shower House and Dump Station will be winterized and closed for the season sometime the week of Oct. 16
 - Revenue is +\$1500 from 2021 which was the previous high
 - Fun Fact - 38 states represented
- Winterizing and facility shut down will begin the week of Oct. 16
- Tim Coffey Trail has been mowed to show intended route of development
- Park Street Sewer Project will impact Merrick Park due to sewer line and may result in 2 or 3 trees to be taken down
- Tennis/Pickleball renovation discussed
 - Tile surface to allow more time for funding
 - Possible relocation due to unsettled soil
 - Total renovation would need to include proper soil management

ESPN Fund

- \$45,150.57

Other Old Business

- Johnson informed Karl Wooldridge that the Board was in favor of moving forward with renaming of the Civic Auditorium
- Hanson Trail Head
 - Todd would like to open discussions again regarding the adjacent property and will add to the November or December Board meeting agenda

ADJOURN

Motion by Tomke. Second by Keifer. Motion carried.