



Forest City

PARKS & RECREATION

MINUTES
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
Monday, September 9, 2024, 5:30 PM
Rec Office

CALL TO ORDER

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

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 Tomke. Second by Reynolds. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- **2024 Partnership Award Luncheon at Boman Fine Arts Center**
 - Oct 23, 2024
 - Gaylord Wooge Service Award to be presented
 - 3-5 minute presentation
 - Mike will meet with Sue for list of recipient's accomplishments
 - Sue will contact recipient

OLD BUSINESS

Rec Report, Sue

- **Volleyball and soccer programs started Saturday, September 7**
 - Great attendance for both programs
- **Prepping for winter girls traveling basketball league**
- **End of season aquatic center cleanup**
 - Paint chipping on pool floor
 - 10 Depth markers need to be replaced
 - Discussion of a need for a new vacuum
- **Planning Middle School Halloween Party for October 26**
- **There will be a craft show in the Civic Auditorium in November**

Park Report, Todd

- **Ash Borer treatment**
 - added 25 trees along Hynes' Spur
 - Applicator diagnosed with Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever from tick bite
 - Todd contacted Winnebago County Public Health
- **Security Cameras Update**
 - The housing units for the recording equipment have been installed
 - Wifi installation is scheduled
 - Cameras can run without Wifi but video will not be transmitted to remote location
- **Pammel Park Swing Structure is installed and safety surface will be delivered this week**
- **New can redemption box is purchased and will be assembled soon in Pammel Park**
- **Options for seeding flood damaged areas**
 - Potentially this fall for ball fields
 - Wait until spring of '25 to identify other areas needed
- **Will be cutting tree growth south of aquatic center**
- **Stump Grinding**
 - Thomas Bearse (80) and Clark's Woods (50) completed
 - Holes will be filled in this fall
- **FC Enhancement Committee**
 - Committee had a work day September 7th - cutting trees along proposed trail
 - Several more work days will be planned

ESPN Fund

- \$57,130.37 (Check for \$22,611.68 to go out week 9/9/24 for Pammel swing set addition)

Other Old Business

- **Pammel Park south ballfield**
 - Discussion about possibly redefining the infield, specifically behind 1st/2nd base path
- **Pickleball/Tennis Courts**
 - Discussion about ideally keeping the existing location but aware that relocation might be necessary due to soil/ground issues
 - Crack filling for temporary improvement
 - Todd will meet with Heartland Asphalt again to discuss any possible options

ADJOURN

Motion by Reynolds. Second by Tomke. Motion carried.