



Parks and Recreation Board Minutes
Wednesday, January 18, 2023 - 5:30 pm
Hybrid Meeting

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Kathleen Flemming, Dan Fuller, Mike Kilar, Carol McCormick, Megan Matthews (arrived 5:57 pm), Steve Ryan, Ben Prather (arrived 5:57 pm), Korie Oberlie absent: Jen Kaina, Deb Weberpal
Staff: Eric Boettcher, Michelle Dujardin, Jennifer French, and Lorelei Bowen
Guests: Beverly Stone, Dave Stone

2. Approval of Minutes

Motioned by Steve Ryan. Second by Korie Oberlie. Ayes: Kathleen Flemming, Dan Fuller, Mike Kilar, Carol McCormick, Steve Ryan, Korie Oberlie

3. Consent Agenda

4. Hearing of Citizens comments

5. Staff reports

5.a. Directors Report-Lakes Management, Facilities, and Staff Updates Eric Boettcher

Lake winter burn on hold until winter of 2023/2024. Ice is needed to do this. Looking into other vegetation management options for this coming year.

City Council approved to 5-person council to work with the school district on a new building agreement for the Aquatic Center. This will hold 2 council members as well as 3 city employees John Wiedel, Eric Boettcher, and Steve Hatton

New Athletic Coordinator, Hunter Kurnitz, will start January 30th. Hunter has experience with tournaments and sports and has worked at a YMCA.

5b. Program Staff Report

5c. Michelle Dujardin: Gymnastics is back and filled up quickly. City guide is both online and a paper version. Sled Shed is restocked in hopes for snow. National Squirrel day is January 21st, Stevie search will have more prizes. Looking to see what the community wants for summer entertainment

5d. Lorelei Bowen: Bingo promotion for fitness classes, if they win they get a goodie bag of WAFC swag and day passes. In February they will do bring a friend day, if you have a membership you can get a free day pass. Swim lessons to start up on different days. First half of 24-hour access is installed.

5e. Jennifer French: Tropical party at the Aquatic center coming up as well as women's day/ cabin fever at the senior center

6. Considerations

6.a Discussion on Request to Sell Park Land to Neighboring Resident.

Boettcher: There is a community member that is looking to purchase the plot of park land next to theirs on the South end of Coburn Lane. The city has not sold park land in the past.

Discussion:

Dan Fuller -why would we sell if we can use it in the future
Steve Ryan- Could this be public lake access at some point?
Boettcher- very possible to be used for the whole community at some point.

Motion made to Deny the sale of the land by Mike Kilar. Seconded by Dan Fuller
Ayes: Kathleen Flemming, Dan Fuller, Mike Kilar, Carol McCormick, Steve Ryan
Korie Oberlie. Noes: none Absent: Jen Kaina, Megan Matthews, Ben Prather, Deb Weberpal

6B Effigy Mounds and Vibrant Spaces Grant Updates

Boettcher: City is going toward a grant to match the \$25,000 dollars that the city gave to the Effigy Mounds. This grant will make more of a welcoming and educational entrance. They are looking to make it more obvious location on where the mounds are. There has been an approval of an 8ft path of Lime Stone up to the entry of the mounds. There is another plan for a burn this spring.

Oberlie: This grant is focused on creating spaces into a more beautiful welcoming space.
Motion to approve applying for the grant was made by Ben Prather. Second by Korie Oberlie. Ayes: Kathleen Flemming, Dan Fuller, Mike Kilar, Carol McCormick, Megan Matthews, Steve Ryan, Ben Prather, Korie Oberlie. Noes: none Absent: Jen Kaina, Deb Weberpal

7. Future Agenda Items

8. Adjournment

Motion by Steve Ryan to adjourn at 6:00 pm. Second by Oberlie. Ayes: Kathleen Flemming, Dan Fuller, Mike Kilar, McCormick Carol, Megan Matthews, Steve Ryan, Ben Prather, Korie Oberlie Noes: None.
Abstain: Deb Weberpal

Next scheduled meeting: Wednesday, February 15, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

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