

Sleepy Eye Park Board Minutes  
January 8, 2018  
City Garage

Attending: JoAnn Schmidt, Randy Zinniel, Pat Starkey, Diane Evers, Greg Tennant, Nicol Krenz and Steve Lingen

Election of officers was held. Randy Zinniel will serve as Chairman and Diane Evers will serve as Secretary for the next year.

JoAnn shared city of Sleepy Eye pamphlets with recommended corrections for Park Board input. Viewed by members and no other changes recommended.

Steve informed the board that reservations for the Sportsmen Park campsites and cabins will no longer be handled by the Sleepy Eye Off Sale. All reservations will be handled by Amanda Moreno, the current staff member who cleans the cabins and bathroom facilities. Payment for these reservations will be made at the city offices. The city is currently working on a web-based reservation program to potentially be available late to mid-summer. Steve shared the number of "no shows" for campsites and cabins for 2017 and total campsites and cabins used and paid for. This new system should help stabilize the income for the campground as there is a "pay upfront" and "no refund" policy for reserved sites and cabins.

Sleepy Eye Lake currently has an ice depth of 17-18 inches. The oxygen level remains at an acceptable level and no need for the aeration pumps at this time. It is a busy place right now with many icehouses taking residence on the lake.

Discussion was had regarding the future of the "Let's Go Fishing" program which provides pontoon rides on the lake, due to some changes within that organization. It is currently in transition to be part of the Sleepy Eye Sportsmen's Club programs

Steve informed the board that he has ordered 36 more chairs for the pool. This is due to weather and other wear on the original chairs. Cost about \$4505.

Pick up and disposal of Christmas trees continues another week. So far, 52 trees have been picked up curbside.

The outdoor ice rink is open and has seen some use now that the weather has warmed.

Greg Tennant has agreed to another term as park board member.

Next meeting: February 12, 2018 at the city garage at 6 PM