

Sleepy Eye Park Board Minutes

August 12, 2019, 6 p.m.

Sportsmen Park

Present: Nichole, Pat, JoAnn & Steve. Absent: Diane, Greg & Randy

Dog Park update: Representatives from the Dog Park group came to give us an update. They have a petition going to raise awareness of the Dog Park. They picked up 55 signatures at Party in the Park and now are up to 100. A lot of people are taking their dogs out of town to other dog parks-New Ulm, Springfield and Hutchinson, taking local monies out of our community. They will present the petition and pleas to the City Council on September 10. The group has set up a website: sleepyeyedogpark.com. to take donations for the needed fence.

Eagles Park Musical equipment: It's up & operational and being used!

Reservation System: JoAnn has checked out Redwood Falls which uses Max Galaxy. It can be used for many aspects of reservations, from Campsites, Shelters and Pool and then some. It looks good and is easy to use. Next question is how much will it cost?

Sportsmen Park Update: The water is in and electric bids are out and will be submitted by August 21. M&R may have an opening to do the road. Needs to be done by Nov. 1. A new bench was put in by the shelter from MN Driffters Motorcycle Club. A new retaining wall is being put in by the shelter.

Pool News: Pool closes Sunday August 18 at 5 p.m. It was decided not to replace the Lily Pads. They cost about \$2000 to replace and the kids don't miss them, Steve will talk to pool staff see what they think. A basketball hoop has been move there and is well used.

Other Park News: The Batters Eye has been painted and bleachers by 1st baseline have been painted. Prairieview bleachers have been painted. The bridge by Sportsmen Par has been painted. And mowing continues. JoAnn brought up a possible idea to pair with the Library next summer to expand the existing summer programs.

Next meeting: September 9, location to be announced