

Park Board Minutes

November 11, 2019

Present: Greg, Nichole, JoAnn, Steve, Pat

Absent: Diane & Randy

1. Paul Klissas and Lise Ludewig, representatives of the Future Dog Park, came to the meeting to express concern that their topic got lost in the events of the City Council meeting in September. They want to make sure that if they raise the funds needed to fence in the dog park it would be used specifically for that location. Also having the location designated by the City Council in a motion they could apply for grant money. Greg made the motion to request the City Council designate the planned Dog Park location be set aside specifically for the Dog Park by a motion. Nichole second the motion and it was approved.
2. Letter to the Park Board. A disgruntled camper wants a refund because of inclement weather, they said they didn't want to come because of rain. It was discussed that the Park was available and that the event they were to attend was not canceled. Our policy is no refunds, so Steve is going to get back to her and let her know.
3. Campsite and Camper Cabin numbers: We had 428 reservations for campsites and 55 reservations or Camper Cabins. This number is about the same as last year.
4. Sportsmen Park Update: The lights are going up for the Holidays (Lights in Motion). The electricity is into the new sites. M&R is still planning to put the road in and will also level off the camp pads and put the base down.
5. Online reservation update: JoAnn shared information about the "Perfect Minds" program. It will cost \$6,000 for the software and \$6,000 testing and setting it up. After the first year, it will cost \$6,000 per year for the next five years. After five years, it will be re-evaluated by usage and revenue. This is a multi-functional website that will manage camping reservations, plus pool sign up and summer recreation activities. JoAnn will take the info to Bob Elston.
6. What has the Park Dept been doing: doors have been painted at the shelters at Sportsmen Park, fall clean-up of leaves, water has been put in the pool for the winter months. A bid was received from Fisher Brothers, LLC out of Chippewa Falls, for \$54,050 to repair both slides and painting the tower poles. They sometimes come and take the slides to their plant and repair them over the winter and re-install them next spring. This should last for the next 20 years. Steve will take it to Bob Elston.

Next meeting: January 13, 2020