

**Sleepy Eye Park Board
Minutes
6 PM
November 9, 2020
City Garage**

**Attending: Greg Tennant, Diane Evers, Nicole Krenz, Randy Zinniel and Matt Schmidt
Absent: Pat Starkey and Joann Schmidt**

As a followup to information provided about the DNR and grant rules, as they apply to Sportsman's Park, at the last meeting, Matt shared that they have not heard further on concerns presented by the DNR.

The docks have been removed from Sleepy Eye Lake. The dock in the far west position needed some repair due to a broken axle. The main dock may need more repair in the coming years.

In pool news, Matt reported that 3 repaired umbrellas were picked up and another brought in for repair in Mankato. Work will be needed to be done on the splash pool in the coming years.

Five year plan ideas were discussed:

- Equipment replacement including pole saw and mowers**
- Work on the splash pool**
- Removal or moving of wooden playground equipment in the parks**
- Thoughts regarding a handi-capped playground**
- Landscaping at the pool**
- Dock improvements**
- Maintaining a parks playground improvements rotation**

Sportsman's Park campground use continues to be good. This year there were 482 campsite reservations and 50 cab reservations. Discussion was had regarding some clean up of the "natural" sites due to the need for more room due to larger campers. Board made the decision to keep daily rates the same, as they are in the range of other local campgrounds.

In other details:

- Matt has taken a course to work with the aerator.**
- Markers for swimming buoys and aerator were GPSed for ease of placement.**
- Tree trimming is being done along the trail and within the city.**
- Leaf clean up completed at the library.**

Matt is looking at using Facebook to give notice of activities of the Parks department that may be of interest or impact the community.

Next meeting: January 11, 2021 at the City Garage.