

Sleepy Eye Park Board

Minutes

6 p.m.

January 11, 2021

City Garage

Present: Greg Tennant, Diane Evers, Nichole Krenz, Bob Schmid, Gary Windschitl, Bob Elston, Pat Starkey, Matt Schmidt, and guest

We welcomed Gary Windschitl as new Council liaison and Bob Schmid to the Board.

November minutes were approved.

We appointed Greg Tenant as Chairman and Pat Starkey as Secretary.

Amanda Moreno reported that there were good reviews from the campground from last year. There were complaints on the new sites. They were regarding the weeds and wanting them more open like the other sites.

A new reservation program has been purchased for the campground. Rentals will be placed online only, and no refunds will be given. Will go live February 1<sup>st</sup>. The end of the year numbers for the pool and campground were discussed.

Equipment purchases for the Park Department included a DeWalt 20 Volt Max pole saw and a laptop computer. The DeWalt pole saw was approximately half the weight of the other pole saws currently in use and the shop uses DeWalt tools so there was no need to purchase additional batteries. Parks had been sharing a computer with the street department. Future purchase of two front tires for the Case 35. A timer switch has been added to the outdoor hockey rink. When the button is pressed the rink lights will come on for one hour. Employees will no longer have to come in to turn lights on and off. Got bids on a John Deere Z994R Diesel and a Z950. Both units had 60-inch decks, Michelin X Tweel turn tires in the reel, and mulch on demand decks. The John Deere 3039R tractor was listed on MN Bid but did not meet the reserve price. There has been no further talk about purchasing mowers.

We were asked to create a priority list of wishes and needs for the Five Year Plan. The list will start to take shape by late winter/early spring.

Tree-trimming has been happening at all the parks. Have been working on the outdoor hockey rink, even though the weather hasn't been ideal. Currently is still not open but people have been using it.

The next meeting is February 8, 2021