

# **Sleepy Eye Park Board Minutes**

**6 p.m.**

**February 8, 2021**

## **City Garage**

Present: Greg Tennant, Nichole Krenz, Bob Schmid, Gary Windschitl, and Matt Schmidt

Absent: Diane Evers and Pat Starkey

Board approved January's minutes.

Five-year plan items included updating the west dock (boat landing) in Sportsman's, the wooden play structure in Allison, the wooden play structure in Sportsman's, the t-dock, which is the furthest west in Sportsman's, and eight-foot extension to the new float t-dock. The board also prioritized these items in this order. There was also discussion of adding handicap accessible playground to Allison when that structure is replaced. There was previous discussion on adding a playground structure west of the shower house in the campground. That has been removed from the list. Also discussed was the trail needing repair, the splash pool's structures, and the gutter grates at the pool.

The board was advised that the Lloyd Amundson Foundation was looking at founding community project(s) in Sleepy Eye. Matt Schmidt had contacted Tom Goetz at First Security Bank. Matt will contact Tom again to discuss the projects in the five-year plan and to discuss any visions they may have.

Matt advised that a family is requesting a memorial bench to be placed near the trail. Possible placement would be between the highway and the fishing dock on the northeast corner of the lake. Matt will meet with family later this spring to discuss placement and is currently working on getting estimates for the bench, cement, and plaque.

During the progress report Matt advised many reservations came in on the new system. There were some bugs but those have been worked out. Board Chairman Greg Tennant advised that a resident came to him. They advised him that sites were booked by 5 AM February 1<sup>st</sup>. Discussion then started on one person being able to reserve the entire campground on holiday weekends. Board members believed this was previous discussed where that wouldn't be allowed. Matt advised he will pass this info along.

The opening date of the campground will be April 30<sup>th</sup> as May 1<sup>st</sup> falls on a Saturday this year.

Matt advised that there continuing to work on the ice rink, but weather just hasn't been good for it this year. The ice is already starting to deteriorate.

There have been an additional six trees removed from Allison. The trees that were removed were either deteriorating or were hollow. Matt present photos of this. PUC has also been assisting the parks department in Allison.

Work has yet to be done in Sportsman's. Mike Suess had pointed out some cracks they noticed while removing lights. Two of those cracks were in Maple trees in the campground area and those limbs that are cracked will be removed. Also, will be addressing the new campsite areas.

Matt also advised that several shelter rentals have come in.

There will be ten plus tree stumps that will need to be removed this spring. Bids will be taken for removal of those stumps.

**Next meeting will be March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021**