

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 1st. 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

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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 1st. 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 30th as May 1st 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 8th, 2021

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Present: Greg Tennant, Bob Schmid, Gary Windschitl, Matt Schmidt, Pat Starkey

Absent: Diane Evers, Nichole Krenz

It was moved by Bob Schmid and seconded by Greg Tennant to approve the February minutes. Motion passed.

Discussion of the five-year plan continued with the topic of docks, baseball lights, playground equipment, and equipment for Parks Dept.

While official ads for part-time summer help hasn't been published, applications are coming in. Megan Labat will return and one more will be hired for the Parks Dept.

The Park Dept. has been trimming trees in Allison and in Sportsman's Park. The skating rink is done for the season. The USDA has again asked to continue the annual survey for exotic wood boring beetles for 2021. This will take place in Allison and Sportsman's Park. Will probably be looking at putting up a fence around the dump station at Sportsman's Park to meet code. Brown County Probation will be coming to pick up sticks in Allison and Sportsman's Park.

Next meeting: April 12

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April 12, 2021

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

A motion was made by Bob, seconded by Greg to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Motion passed.

Sportsman's Park docks: 2 bids were given. One by Lake Boys and the other from Boat House. It was decided to go with Boat house bid which was \$1,414.70 under the other bid. They will deliver and assemble, and we put it in the water. Several donations have come in to help cover the \$14,141 cost. \$10,000 from Sportsman Club, \$500 from Mike & Tammy Carr, and \$500 from Chuck Spaeth Ford. Two benches will be installed on either side of the dock and will be donated by the family of Lois Tauer.

Arbor Day Activities: This can happen either spring or fall. A video of the actual tree planting will be made and shown on Facebook. The Mayor will make a proclamation about Arbor Day at tomorrow night's meeting.

Sportsman's Park signs: Two signs at Sportsman's Park need to be updated. The way reservations are taken has been updated to on-line booking. The signs currently show to call (507) 794-3736 Monday thru Friday from 8 am to 8 pm to make a reservation. That needs to be removed from the sign and new web address shown.

Summer help: Megan LaBat is returning and two have applied.

Pool Opening: The Pool is scheduled to open on June 1. At this point, normal operations are planned. Matt passed his CPO certification. New testing kits need to be ordered as they now required to test twice a day, every day of operation. Redwood Nursery drew up a plan for landscaping the front of the pool building.

Other Park Board details: The stumps have been removed from all parks by Zinniel Tree Service and they also allowed use of their root ripper attachment. Dirt was hauled in and Heiderscheidt's Constructin LLC came in and leveled it off. Lenny Neid will fertilize and seed the area. The bathrooms were opened at Prairieview Park, Eagle's bathrooms will be opened tomorrow and Keifer's will be opened on Thursday. Students working off probation hours have been cleaning Sportsman's Park and Allison Park.

Next meeting: May 10

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July 15, 2021

Present: Diane Evers, Bob Schmid, Nichole Krenz, Matt Schmidt, Pat Starkey

Absent: Greg Tennant, Gary Windschitl

The minutes from the April meeting were reviewed. Bob moved to accept the minutes; Diane seconded. Motion passed.

Update on the docks: All three new docks are in. The plaques were installed on the two benches on the west dock in memory of Lois Tauer. The furthest west dock and the large boat dock that was replaced will go on MN Bid soon to be sold. The middle dock was swapped out for a roll-a-dock. Previous one was a float but was meant to be used on river systems. Complaints on safety when it was windy. New dock is 48 ft long and has 8 ft wings. The old dock was 32 ft long and had 16 ft wings. Bumper guards will be placed on the new boat landing dock and the new t-dock, but dealers are having trouble getting the items in stock. Also looking at adding two more support poles at the end of the new boat landing dock.

Pool update: There have been typical issues at the pool, but all seems to be going well. The concession stand is doing well.

Summer help update: Carter Brinkman was hired and has been doing a very good job.

The Wooldrik Park landscaping has been put on hold for the time being.

Some shrubs will be planted around the dump station at Sportsman's Park, just enough to dress it up and block the view for campers.

Party was looking to donate towards purchasing a swing bench on the south side of the lake. If money is donated it will be set aside and added to until full cost of the swing bench is reached.

The Zambone will be sold.

A motion was made by Nichole and seconded by Bob to change our monthly meetings to quarterly. Motion passed.

The Park Department has been fertilizing, painting, trimming and generally making the parks look great.

Next meeting: October 11, 2021

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Present: Diane, Bob, Matt, Pat

Absent: Nichole, Greg, Gary

The July minutes were read. Bob made a motion to accept, Diane seconded. Motion passed.

Pets in the rental cabins: Apparently it is being done already. The board suggests that a Pet Fee be added, \$25 per night.

Reservation card holders for Sportmen's Park was discussed. Matt will look into it for further discussion at the January meeting.

Campsite expansion was discussed. It was brought up about long-term housing in the cabins and/or campsites. At this point no decision was made. Tabled for a later meeting.

Park Department activities: The pool is in the process of being winterized. Painting has been done, with the help of volunteers from Americana Bank. The boat landings have been repaired. Prairieview bathrooms have been closed up for the winter. The plaques for the benches and the Lakeview Shelter are complete and will be attached soon. The fishing pier has been repaired and pushed out further.

Next meeting: January 10, 2022