

Park's Board January 2023 Meeting Minutes:

Present: Matt Schmidt, Jared Miller, Sean Mathiowetz, Gary Windschitl

Excused: Grent Tenant

6:12 - Matt called the meeting to order.

- The October minutes were reviewed and discussed. Jared made a motion to approve the October 2022 meeting minutes. Sean seconded. All were in favor.
- The agenda for the January meeting was handed out and reviewed.
- Director Schmidt, brought up a lady in SE brought up the dog park topic. She said that she would fund the project, but no dollar amount was provided. Mike Hardin reached out to a city director in Redwood Falls which put one in last year. The Cost was around \$30K just for the fencing. A discussion about signage and a couple of benches, and a dog waste station. The location of the park was discussed and it was discussed near the holding pond at Eagles Park, would likely be the best area. The Hockey Rink location was also discussed. Mike Peterson is taking the lead on the dog park.
- Frisbee Golf – A gentlemen (JJ) presented a frisbee golf upgrade for equipment, design of the course, and signage. JJ can raise \$2-3K. The baskets were in poor condition as the chains were not secured at the bottom. Baskets were sanded down and painted. Borth Vinyl lettering will be doing a wrap for the top ring. A company (GFA) has been reached out too and they can prepare tee signs. GPS Coordinates must be established for the tee off. Businesses have been contacted about sponsorships. Another location and design of the holes was discussed with the gentlemen. Campground expansion (8-9 sites) was discussed and how that would affect the frisbee golf course at Sportsmans. Have additional bathrooms to accommodate the additional sites was discussed. Bob made a motion to remove the disc golf holes at Sportmans and a future layout is pending. Sean Seconded.
- City Council is looking at campground expansion (8-9 site)
- Cabin Update – SE Electric lighting upgrades. Mattresses were in poor condition and updated. 5 – 6 standard twins.
- Shelter Rentals for 2022 totaled 76 for 2022 and so far in 2023 there is 14 scheduled.
- Campground rental totals were 535 with campsites totaling 456 and cabins 79. The rentals generated \$58,450. Reservation numbers were down but the stay has been longer
- A new Park's Pickup was purchased from Chuck Spaeth Ford
- A zero turn mower was discussed
- The first three fun umbrellas arrived and there will be 3 more ordered in 2023.
- Outdoor ice rink has not had good conditions for use.
- The Park trail benches were improved, and some picnic tables will be refinished
- SE Lake – oxyngization
- Playground at Allison park was discussed. The project was put on hold for now until if the dog park moves forward.

Meeting ended around 7PM.

Next meeting scheduled in April 2023.

Park's Board April 10th, 2023, Meeting Minutes:

Present: Matt Schmidt, Bob Schmid, Jared Miller, Sean Mathiowetz, Carter Fromm

Excused: Greg Tennant

6:08 - Matt called the meeting to order.

- A. The January 2023 minutes were reviewed and discussed. Sean made a motion to approve the January 2023 meeting minutes. Jared seconded. All were in favor.
- B. The agenda for the April meeting was handed out and reviewed.
- C. Aeration System – Director discussed with the board.
 - -Bjornsen Pond Management for \$8,560.61
 - -Sleepy Eye Sportsman's Club Donated \$10,000
 - -Additional cost yet for demolition of existing aeration shack, disposal, electrical, and miscellaneous expenses
 - -Been in contact with a member of the BC dive team. Have asked them to go down and cut the pipe from the existing diffusers so that the current lines can be removed and diffusers will remain
 - -System has arrived
 - -No time frame as of yet but would like to get lines out before it gets too weedy.
 - - Mike advised that the Sportsman's Club had come to him asking about the aeration system as they were going to go talk with the DNR in Hutch about stocking the lake as apparently they has some questions about it.
- D. Campground:
 - Director Schmidt brought up starting new camp pads this fall and allowing the ground to settle over the winter.
 - Have heard from a number of people that have concerns about getting the campground to big and money could be used to update the old sportsman's shelter
 - I have also been informed by Amanda that she has had several calls from road workers that are looking for a place to stay or an extended period.
 - It was discussed that the permanent stays (construction workers) would not be an option right now.
 - Good bookings for the summer
- E. Pool
 - 2nd batch of Fun Umbrella's have arrived.
 - Wendy has asked for some small float pads (similar to the Lilly Pad) to be used in the splash pool
 - Also the red wading tubes are need, will be ordering 5 or 6 of those
 - Applications for lifeguards has also started, but it has been slow and the numbers are down.

- Wendy got a Verizon hot spot from the library last year to be used at the pool, this year the program has ended. She asked if we could get internet at the pool. Fiber should be scheduled there this year, but Mike was going to look into it. Wendy and I had talked about it last year about if in fact we do get internet do we make it open for the attendees to use. She had taken a call from a parent. Child must have phone but not service so needs wi-fi to be able to communicate.
 - Also asked Mike about upgrading the stereo system which will be looked into.
- F. Arbor day
- April 28th
 - Cookies and water will be provided from Schutz's
 - Two trees will be purchased and planted on both sides of Snoopy character
 - 4th grade from both schools have asked to join in the Arbor Day
 - Mayor Pelzel plans to talk
 - Director Schmidt will not be in attendance as he will be gone for a wedding. Craig may be able to join.
 - Mike will hire someone to remove the stumps that are currently there
 - Our application was excepted for 2022, we got our 41 year sticker for the sign and a new maple leaf, also new sign has been put up along hwy 4 by Miller Sellner
- G. General Updates:
- Aeration system has been turned off
 - Have been trimming trees and also with the assistance of PUC in SE
 - Removed 3 trees from the library grounds that were ash trees
 - Old parks truck was cleaned up and sold on Minn Bid and a new pickup has been added to the fleet
 - Director Schmidt has started putting things back together at the pool
- H. Old Business:
- The dog park proposal has not been discussed since the last meeting.
 - The frisbee golf proposal was discussed and the Allison park course would be considered, however the Eagles park area on hold for now.
 - Still waiting on SE Electric to come out and install new lights and fans at the cabins. Matt has called and given them a reminder
 - The new cabin mattresses have been delivered.

Meeting ended around 7:15PM.

Next meeting scheduled for July 10th at 6PM, 2023.

Park's Board July 10th 2023 Meeting Minutes:

Present: Matt Schmidt, Bob Schmid, Jared Miller, Sean Mathiowetz, Carter Fromm, Greg Tennant

Excused: NA

Additional Attendee: Mike Suess

6:10 - Matt called the meeting to order.

- A. The April 2023 minutes were reviewed. Sean made a motion to approve the April 2023 meeting minutes. Greg seconded. All were in favor.
- B. The agenda for the July meeting was handed out and reviewed.
- C. Holiday Lights In Motion:
 - -Mike Suess presented to the board an request to add an evergreen/pine tree to the campsite and use it as a memorial tree for people to hang specific family related ornaments on. Mike mentioned the Holiday Lights In Motion committee would be willing to donate \$2,500 for additional trees if the City of SE planted a new tree in a specified location that is near and around current campsites.
 - The HLIM purchased a tree stand for a pine/evergreen tree last year that was donated to the organization so they could use it as a memorial Tree. Mike was asked why they couldn't do the same thing and utilize the donation of the tree and their current tree stand for the 1 month of the year. He said they would like a tree planted that they could use.
 - Matt and the Board thanked Mike for presenting.
 - Mike was excused and the board discussed the request further. It was determined unanimously that at this time based on the specifics and conditions of the request the Park's Board would pass at this time.
- D. Frisbee Golf Update:
 - The Frisbee golf location is now in Allison Park.
 - Seven of the same business will sponsor along with Borth Memorial and Home Health
 - Not everything had been completed yet. They plan to make yardage markers, signs, and potentially provide an app for the course. Also arrows at the bottom of the basket, sign by every hole.
 - David Forster of SE Herald will plan to do an article
- E. Aeration System
 - Brown County Dive team came out and found both lines and cut them
 - Bob/Mike/Dusty went about 20/30ft of line, so markers were put on the lake identifying the lines.
 - Long term, the aeration system update will be much nicer to handle and less maintenance.
- F. Pool
 - Pool heater – Eric from Aqualogics was in town

- A Ceramic port/temperature piece did not work properly and will be replaced
- Outside gas was flowing in a quarter of what was needed
- Wendy – splash pool is starting to rust out and will need some attention and long term planning
- Broken Line was discussed
- 24 Life guards over the summer
- Stereo system with microphone does work. Newer system wasn't put in the right way

G. Tennis Courts:

- Eagles Tennis Courts were discussed and funding would be entertained for improvements
- Mike got in touch to fill cracks in the Eagles tennis courts with the same color
- Bob S. brought up the Kiefer Tennis courts and the condition they are currently in with many cracks and uneven surfaces. At this time it was discussed that Kiefer would not receive crack fill this year. Long term plans.

H. General Updates/Old Business:

- Mages family – donation for a new bench
- Oak Tree donated by Sportman's Club
- Some Vandalism at a bathroom site – stall was kicked in
- New Toilet put in S. Park
- 72' in grasshopper zero turn is working great. Team will be able to cut back on mowing time
- Prairieview has two new scoreboards
- Flag pole by Eagles Baseball field was discussed in regards to the light up the flag. At this time it was passed on.

Meeting ended around 7:20PM.

Next meeting scheduled for October 9th at 6PM, 2023.

Park's Board October 17th 2023 Meeting Minutes:

Present: Matt Schmidt, Jared Miller, Sean Mathiowetz, Carter Fromm, Gary Windschitl

Excused: Bob Schmid, Greg Tennant

6:05 - Matt called the meeting to order.

- A. The July 2023 minutes were reviewed. Sean made a motion to approve the July 2023 meeting minutes. Jared seconded. All were in favor.
- B. The agenda for the October meeting was handed out and reviewed.
- C. Pool Update:
 - 2023 was a good year for the pool per Wendy Owens
 - There were 131 Family Passes and 19 Individual passes
 - 5 Private parties
 - 151 purchased punch cards
 - 31 purchased water aerobics
 - 174 Swimming Lessons
 - 36 Private Lessons
 - 4- night swims with 513 participants
 - 10 pool closures (7.5 days and 3 full days)
 - A larger pool budget for future renovations, upgrades and repairs was discussed
 - The sound system/PA was fixed as it had too small of a box
- D. Campground update:
 - Expansion plans in the works
 - Removed old wood playgrounds at Sportsman and Alison Parks
 - Through October 2023 there were 15.09% Revenue increase in rentals of sites and cottages
 - There were 587 Reservations in 2023 compared to 531 in 2022
- E. Kayak and Paddle Board Rentals:
 - 242 total rentals in 2023
- F. Aeration System:
 - Installed new aeration system
 - The existing shack is still being utilized
- G. General Updates:
 - Mages family – donation for new bench
 - 94 Total shelter rentals in 2023 with 7 reserved for 2024
 - Ash Tree Grant – City applied to remove 600 Ash Trees and estimating about 200 per year. There will be 700 trees planted back

Meeting ended around 7:00 PM.

Next meeting scheduled for January 8, 2024 at 6PM.