

PARKS, RECREATION & FORESTRY BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, August 8, 2023

1. Call to order by Beth Arneberg at 6:00 p.m.
Roll Call: Members Present: Audrey Stowell, Travis Siebert, Beth Arneberg, and John Abbe
Absent: Justin Agnew, Heather Martell, Reggie Geissler
Staff present: John Jimenez, Jack Haye, Kevin Sweeney
2. Approval of Minutes: July 11, 2023. **Motion by Siebert/Abbe to approve minutes of July 11, 2023. Motion passed.**
3. Personal Appearances by Citizens. None.
Recreation Report. Jack requests Recreation Report to be moved up in the agenda. Jack reports on current programs of soccer, archery, and tee ball. Adult Volleyball and Basketball are open for registration. Jack has an individual tab set up for individuals to sign up; hoping to get enough to sign up for a team or two. Also reports on winter program plans, which include E-Sports and Winter Pickleball.
4. Discuss/Consider Special Event Applications. None.
5. Discuss/Consider
 - a. Eagle Scout Project at Erickson Park Proposal. Jackson Blake presents his plans for an Eagle Scout project at Erickson Park. He is planning to do a 4' wide trail on the north end of Erickson. He has two different options in mind. He will be meeting with Mark and Ron Bakken to discuss the option. He plans to finish the project later this fall. **Motion by Arneberg/Siebert to approve the project as presented. Motion passed.**
 - b. Pool Committee Update. John reports on funding. Lynne will present on behalf of the Park at meeting next week. Kevin feels staff, with help from the County, would be able to disassemble the pool slide cheaper than hiring it done.
 - c. Updated Flag Hill Site Plan. John reports there was a good response to the poster boards at Riverfront. There will be a recap meeting this week. Ayres' next step will be to break down community feedback and create design. Also discussed repurposing playground equipment from Flag Hill to other playgrounds.
 - d. Thorp Foundation Funds. After discussion, **motion by Abbe/Siebert to use Thorp funds to restore pillars on Jefferson and the remainder on Marshall Park tennis / pickleball courts improvements. Motion passed.** Discussion that boardwalk and gazebo project have priority for next year's funds unless other funds become available prior.
 - e. Recreation Report. Recreation report previously given.

- f. Director Report. John gives his report. The part-time staff person has put in his notice, so that position is open again. John reports that improvements have been made to the disc golf course thanks to funds received from Leinie's. John is planning to start a program called Coffee with the Director where citizens can meet with John at different places and ask questions, etc.
6. Approve Claims. **Motion by Arneberg/Siebert to approve claims in the amount of \$60,908.44. Motion passed.**
7. Park Board Members' Concerns or Comments. Jazz event at Riverfront was well attended. Discussed putting a sign directing to the Zoo coming into the park from County S at the corner with Ermatinger.
8. Adjournment. **Motion by Siebert/Abbe to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. Motion passed.**

Submitted by:
Audrey Stowell, Secretary