

PARKS, RECREATION & FORESTRY BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, July 9, 2024

1. Call to order by Beth Arneberg at 6:32 p.m.
Roll Call: Members Present: Audrey Stowell, Reggie Geissler, Beth Arneberg, John Abbe
Absent: Justin Agnew, Rob Kiefer and Travis Siebert
Staff present: John Jimenez, Mikinley Prafke
2. Approval of Minutes: June 11, 2024. **Motion by Geissler/Arneberg to approve minutes of June 11, 2024. Motion passed.**
3. Personal Appearances by Citizens. No personal appearances.
4. Discuss/Consider Special Event Applications. Chippewa River Industries submitted picnic event application for August 15, 2024, at the main pavilion. **Motion by Arneberg/Stowell to approve application as presented. Motion passed.**
5. Discuss/Consider
 - a. Flag Hill. John J. states contract is still in the works and hopes the project can break ground by the end of the month.
 - b. Possible YMCA Collaboration Outcomes. John has received information from other municipalities who have similar agreements. Discussed potential items for dialogue with YMCA.
 - c. Drone Policy for Marshall Park. City Attorney has advised that it would need to be an ordinance. John J. will explore getting sun shades/umbrellas.
 - d. Outlaw Farms Partnership Opportunity. Current agreement for petting zoo is with Outlaw Farm.
 - e. Recreation Report. MiKinley gives report. Discussed swimming lessons, t-ball, archery, junior zoo keeper, pool passes, lifeguarding class, and aqua dance. There was not enough interest in summer basketball. MiKinley reports pool has increased usage, averaging 137 people per day. He is exploring winter swimming lessons, private lessons, certifying lifeguards, etc.
Rob Kiefer arrives.
 - f. Director Report. Jefferson pillars are complete; automatic gates are also now complete and operational. These will allow closing shifts to be adjusted and staff to get more work done during the day. Timing will be work in progress. Posts for tennis/pickle ball courts going in this week. Five acres of invasives have been done. Mobile robot training has taken place for painting fields and parking lines. Process of purchasing staff uniforms has started. Fall & winter activity guide rolling out this week.
6. Approve Claims. **Motion by Geissler/Abbe to approve claims in the amount of \$107,353.94. Motion passed.**

7. Park Board Members' Concerns or Comments. Comments regarding process for moving forward with pool planning. Beth thanks John for all his work over 4th of July weekend with rain delay, and all that was involved with that. Need to notify Go Chippewa that the fountain at Riverfront is not a splash pad.
8. Adjournment. **Motion by Kiefer/Arneberg to adjourn at 7:59 p.m. Motion passed.**

Submitted by:
Audrey Stowell, Secretary