

BRAINERD PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
Regular Park Board Meeting
October 27, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.
City Hall Conference Room

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the regular meeting of the
Parks and Recreation Board was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

Present were President Jackie Burkey, Tim Boeder, Dan Hegstad, Holly Holm, Dale Parks, and Park Director Tony Sailer. City Council Liaison Gabe Johnson was noted absent.

The chair recognized new board member Dan Hegstad.

**MOVED AND SECONDED BY PARKS AND HOLM,
DULY CARRIED TO APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR AS PRESENTED**

- A. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held September 22, 2015**
- B. Approval of the disbursements for the month of October 2015**

OLD BUSINESS

A. Car Show Request – Update

Mr. Sailer presented information that Mr. Merle Gallant was asked to provide before the Board would approve a request to use Gregory Park for a car show on September 10, 2016. Using the square footage of Gregory Park, Mr. Gallant calculated that over 1,700 cars could be displayed in the park. The local car club estimates there will be 400-450 cars at the show, which is part of the Minnesota Street Rod Association's 2016 Fall Camp-out. The show will be open to the public and free of charge. Mr. Parks made a motion to approve Northern Tin Street Rod Association's request to use Gregory Park on September 10, 2016 for a car show. Mobile food units will be allowed, following department policy. Mr. Boeder seconded and board approval was unanimous.

B. Gregory Park Fountain

Mr. Sailer reported to City Council that it will cost between \$90,000-\$100,000 to replace the Gregory Park fountain. The Council directed the Parks and Recreation Department to begin fundraising for the project. Mr. Sailer will start the process with service clubs, media, and letters to businesses. He has not found any grants for this type of project. One idea he had would be to sell sponsorship bricks to create a walkway to the fountain.

C. Downhill Derby

Recreation Specialist Katie Kaufman has scheduled a November 13 meeting with the original Downhill Derby committee to discuss the future of the event. Event participation has dwindled; only one person signed up for the 2015 race. Nisswa Parks and Recreation and the Nisswa Chamber of Commerce have been contacted to see if they would like to take over the event, and a Moorhead man has indicated interest in obtaining the cars as a class project to make solar-powered cars. More information will be forthcoming at the November board meeting.

D. Miracle League Project

The brick archway has been built, with labor donated by Andy and Cliff Waletzko. Alters Masonry was hired to build the Darlys Every pedestal and install the plaques on both the pedestal and archway. Mr. Sailer informed the Board that Barrel 'O 'Fun has been sold, so those donations will cease after the 4th quarter check is received. The project was funded entirely by grants and donations.

E. Brewery Dig

SCSU student Corey Yates has delayed his planned archaeological dig at the Brainerd Brewery site until spring.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Hockey Rink Repairs

City Council has turned down 2015 and 2016 capital funding requests to rebuild the Bane and Mill Avenue hockey rinks. Staff has replaced posts, supports and boards to keep the facilities functional, but ultimately there is further work that needs to be done that will cost more than the departmental budget can sustain. This year it cost \$1,883.44 for materials to repair the rinks, with another \$892.29 spent on paint.

B. Interpretive Signage

Melissa Lundeen from Discovery Woods Montessori School is seeking permission for her 4th-6th grade students to place 6" x 6" wood-burned interpretive signs identifying 23 trees at Gregory Park, one for each student. Ms. Holm made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Parks seconded and board approval was unanimous.

C. Girls Scouts Request

On behalf of Girl Scout Troop 641, Scout Leader Jennifer Moline is seeking permission to install a "Little Free Library" at Gregory and Kiwanis parks. The troop would build the libraries and stock them with books the first year and they should be self-sustaining after that. The Troop is working on their Bronze award, and they have recognized a need to increase availability of books to young children. The Parks Department would maintain the exteriors of the libraries after the first year. Mr. Hegstad made a motion to approve Girl Scout Troop 641's request to place "Little Free Libraries" at Gregory and Kiwanis parks. Ms. Holm seconded and board approval was unanimous.

PUBLIC FORUM

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- The 9th annual Great Pumpkin Festival drew its largest crowd ever, with more than 600 people attending.
- Staff has been busy winterizing the parks. Water pipes were blown out, picnic tables and garbage containers are being stored, and nets, sunscreens and flags are being taken down and stored.
- The work at the Buffalo Hills-Lions Park concession stand continues. The epoxy floor has been installed, and the plumbing and new 3-compartment sink will be installed prior to spring.
- Fall seasons concluded Oct. 20.
- The registration deadline for pond hockey is Dec. 18.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

See Item "C" under New Business

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, November 24, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. in the Conference Room at City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Boeder made a motion at adjourn at 4:40 p.m. Ms. Holm seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Kim Finch, Administrative Specialist