

BRAINERD PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
Regular Park Board Meeting
June 23, 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, Holly Holm, Dale Parks, City Council Liaison Gabe Johnson and Park Director Tony Sailer. Greg Roberts was noted absent.

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

- A. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held May 26, 2015**
- B. Approval of the disbursements for the month of June 2015**

OLD BUSINESS

A. Mobile Food Units

Potential locations for mobile food units within the park system were presented to the Board. Fees were determined at the May 26 meeting, with permits to be issued at the Park Director's discretion. Mr. Parks made a motion to approve the locations for mobile food units at the parks as presented. Mr. Boeder seconded and board approval was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Buffalo Hills-Lions Park Selective Harvest

A number of residents who live on the east side of Buffalo Hills-Lions Park have expressed concern about trees in the park that could potentially fall onto their properties and cause damage. Mr. Sailer contacted Steve Lund with Independent School District 181 that owns the 20 acre parcel directly north of the 20 acre Buffalo Hills-Lions Park. ISD 181 is interested in participating in a joint selective timber harvest. Both properties have stands of aging trees. Mr. Sailer would like board approval to move forward with selective harvest plans. He has contacted the DNR and is waiting for a response. Mr. Boeder made a motion to proceed with a selective timber harvest at Buffalo Hills-Lions Park, in cooperation with ISD 181 that owns 20 acres adjacent to the park. Ms. Holm seconded and board approval was unanimous.

B. Request for Reimbursement for Protective Equipment

Youth softball coach Derek LaVoy requested reimbursement of \$51.53 for a helmet with a face guard that he purchased for the pitcher on his youth slow-pitch softball team. This piece of equipment is not required for player safety, even at the collegiate fast-pitch softball level. Following a brief discussion, Mr. Parks made a motion to deny Derek LaVoy's request for reimbursement of \$51.53 for a helmet/face guard he purchased, as it is not a required piece of equipment for player safety in youth slow-pitch softball. Mr. Boeder seconded and board approval was unanimous. Mr. Sailer approved Recreation Specialist Katie Kaufman's request to purchase helmets with face guards to have available for each youth softball team, but players are not required to use them. Ms. Kaufman purchased the helmets locally for \$20 each.

C. Legacy Fund Request

City Planner Mark Ostgarden is seeking support from the Park Board to submit an application for the Mississippi River Partnership Plan area to have a regionally significant park designation by the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission in order to be eligible for Legacy Funds. City Council already approved the application. Mr. Parks made a motion to approve support for the application for the Mississippi River Partnership Plan area to have a regionally significant park designation by the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission in order to be eligible for Legacy Funds. Ms. Holm seconded and board approval was unanimous.

PUBLIC FORUM

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- The fishing clinic on May 30 had 87 participants and the bicycle clinic on June 6 had 97 participants.
- The installation of the Memorial Park softball field outfield fencing, the Gregory Park tennis court fencing and the Gregory Park center court steps were all completed on June 5.
- The Minnesota Twins will host a youth baseball/softball clinic on June 26 from 2-3:30 p.m. for ages 6-9 and from 3:30-5 p.m. for ages 10-16 at Bane Park. Crow Wing Power and Great River Energy are partners with the Twins clinic.
- The 15 & Under state baseball tournament will be July 17-19 at Mills, Adamson, CLC, Forestview and Nisswa fields.
- The 1993 Ford Taurus has been sold.
- Monday, June 29, Barrel of Fun is bringing a busload of employees to volunteer at the Miracle League field. The company is providing shirts and product for Miracle League participants, and Wiley the Wallaby mascot will be in attendance as well. The Brainerd Dispatch and Lakeland News have been contacted. Both Miracle League age groups will play that night, at 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

A. Tennis Court Project Change Order

Board approval is needed for a \$200 change order to the Gregory Park tennis court project. An entrance gate needed to be changed from 4' X 4' to 4' X 7' at a cost of \$200. Mr. Boeder made a motion to approve the \$200 change order to the Gregory Park tennis court fencing. Ms. Holm seconded and board approval was unanimous. Painting of the tennis courts has not been done yet. The contractor needs two to three days of dry weather to complete the work.

B. Buster Park

A dog recently became ill while at Buster Park dog park and later died from parvovirus. The virus can live for up to seven months. The dog park has been posted accordingly that dogs vaccinated for the parvovirus should be safe to use the park; otherwise dog owners are bringing in dogs at their own risk. There is no danger to humans.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, July 28, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. in the Conference Room at City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,



Kim Finch, Administrative Specialist