

**BRAINERD PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
Regular Park Board Meeting
March 24, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.
City Hall Council Chambers**

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, Greg Roberts and Park Director Tony Sailer.
City Council Liaison Gabe Johnson was noted absent.

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

- A. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held February 24, 2015**
- B. Approval of the disbursements for the month of March 2015**

OLD BUSINESS

A. Maintenance Position

There were 55 applicants for the full time maintenance position. The position was offered to Joe Koering, a local resident who is currently working for the City of Little Falls. City Council approved filling the position and Mr. Koering will start working on March 30.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Transgender Policy

The parents of a transgender youth have expressed interest in registering the individual for girls' softball. Staff feels that a policy needs to be established. Board members discussed the Brainerd High School policy, which is based off the Minnesota State High School League's policy. Mr. Sailer noted that girls have been allowed to play in the boys' baseball leagues for years. He contacted the Minnesota Recreation and Park Association but has not heard back. Board members agreed that they want everyone to be able to play, but feel that more information is needed to be able to establish a comprehensive policy. The Board would like to adopt another policy rather than invent its own. They directed Mr. Sailer to check with other cities, the League of Minnesota Cities, applicable state and federal laws and the City Attorney, and report findings at the April meeting. It was noted the deadline for youth softball is May 1. If someone wishes to register before a policy is established, staff was instructed to allow the registration with the stipulation that a policy will be forthcoming. Ms. Holm made a motion to table the item to the April meeting. Mr. Roberts seconded and board approval was unanimous.

B. Food Trucks

Toni Kaminski Czczok of Mickey's Pizza & Subs recently e-mailed City officials regarding the proposed food truck ordinance, which is expected to be discussed at the April 6 or April 20 City Council meeting. She is questioning why mobile food trucks are not going to be allowed in City parks. Mr. Parks commented that there is a clause in the proposed ordinance that food trucks can be on park property if the Park Board approves it. Mr. Sailer noted that food trucks would only be allowed in the downtown zone from 11:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. Board members discussed various pros and cons such as allowing food trucks at the parks but not allowing them to sell the same items as the concession stands, where they would be able to park, and having the choice as to where and when they would be allowed at the parks. The Board decided to wait to see what City Council does with the policy, and asked Mr. Sailer to find out what other communities are doing. Item was tabled to April.

PUBLIC FORUM

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- The Lum Park boat ramp is in need of repair. The DNR has been contacted as it is their responsibility to maintain the ramp.
- A donation request has been submitted to Essentia Health for an AED unit. Presently none of the parks or the Park office has an AED unit.
- The 2015 summer program guides have been distributed to ISD 181 schools (K-9), Lake Region Christian School, St. Francis of the Lakes Catholic School and the Montessori School.
- The annual Easter Egg Hunt will start at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 4 at Lum Park. The Brainerd Rotary Club donated \$400 to help purchase candy.
- There has already been vandalism at Gregory Park. Midwest Security and Fire has been contacted to install the two security cameras as soon as possible. Much of the installation was done last fall and only the cameras and recorder need to be hooked up.
- For the third straight year, the Parks Department will host a Minnesota Twins Play Ball! Youth baseball clinic. The clinic will take place on June 26 at Bane Park.
- The deadline to register for the youth baseball leagues is April 17.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

NEXT MEETING

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

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Holm made a motion at adjourn at 4:50 p.m.; Mr. Roberts seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Kim Finch, Administrative Specialist