

BRAINERD PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Regular Park Board Meeting

March 22, 2016 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 Dale Parks, Dan Hegstad, Tim Boeder, Holly Holm, City Council Liaison Gabe Johnson and Park Director Tony Sailer. Jackie Burkey was noted absent.

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

A. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held February 23, 2016

B. Approval of the disbursements for the month of March 2016

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

A. Tree and Shrub Donation

The Brainerd Ski Loons are going to donate \$100 of trees and shrubs to be planted at Lum Park. Approximately 75 items will be planted. Club members are also volunteering to keep the young plants watered this summer.

B. Youth Volunteer Group

A group of approximately 35 8th grade students from the St. Paul organization "Students Today, Leaders Forever" have volunteered to clean up parks and trails on April 8. The department will provide trash bags.

C. Early Bird Concession Stand

The Brainerd Eagles Club will sell concessions and beer at the Early Bird Tournament at Memorial Park on April 23. Half of the proceeds will be donated back to the department, to be used toward the purchase of lights for Field 3.

D. Parks and Trails

Mr. Hegstad was approached by a constituent that would like to see some work done on the City property just north of the Franklin football field, and also on the Mississippi River Landing trails. Mr. Hegstad said he would like to see the Riverwalk Project eventually have a trail all the way to the dam. He asked what the Park Board's role is with the project. Mr. Sailer explained that the Parks and Recreation department will maintain the property when the project is completed. Staff would like some say in the final design regarding accessibility and ease of maintenance. Ms. Holm and Mr. Johnson are on the Riverwalk Committee. SEH has been hired to design the project, and grant applications are in the works.

E. Rink Usage

Mr. Sailer reported that approximately 5,591 skaters used the outdoor rinks this winter. Numbers were lower than usual due to a shorter season and other weather-related closures.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Johnson inquired about an Oak Street resident's tree situation. Mr. Sailer said the issue was resolved and the citizen did not have to remove the tree. Mr. Johnson asked that Mr. Sailer forward this information to the City Council.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- The heating blankets at the Memorial Park restroom site were removed March 14, but wet conditions prevented Hy-Tec from starting the project.
- The Easter Egg Hunt will start at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 26, at Lum Park. The Brainerd Rotary Club volunteers at the special event.
- Former Minnesota Twin Al Newman will put on a clinic for area youth baseball and softball coaches and players from 10:30 a.m. to noon at Forestview Middle School. A free-will offering will be accepted to help fund his program to provide scholarships to inner-city youths interested in playing baseball.
- The 2016 summer program guide will be distributed to area schools in late March.
- The deadline to register for Mustang, Bronco and Pony league baseball is April 15.
- Katie Kaufman passed her Tree Inspector re-certification test that is good for two years.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, April 26, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. in the Conference Room at City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Holm made a motion at adjourn at 4:23 p.m. Mr. Boeder seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Kim Finch, Administrative Specialist