

**BRAINERD PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
Regular Park Board Meeting
January 23, 2018 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, Tim Boeder, Jackie Burkey, Dan Hegstad, Troy Rushmeyer, City Council Liaison Dave Badeaux and Park Director Tony Sailer.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

A. Election of Officers

Ms. Burkey nominated Mr. Boeder as President of the Board, Mr. Rushmeyer seconded and board approval was unanimous, contingent upon Mr. Boeder's reappointment to the Board by the Mayor at the February 5 City Council meeting. Mr. Hegstad nominated Mr. Rushmeyer as Vice-President of the Board, Ms. Burkey seconded and board approval was unanimous.

B. Park Board Resignation

It is with regret that Mayor Menk and the Park Board accepted Mr. Hegstad's resignation from the Park Board. Board members thanked Mr. Hegstad for his service on the Board.

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

- A. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held December 19, 2017**
- B. Approval of the disbursements for the month of January 2018**

OLD BUSINESS

A. Memorial Park Lights

A Musco representative came to measure and mark Field 3 for light pole placement. Installation of poles and lights will take place in early February, as well as re-aiming the lights on Fields 1 and 2. It is preferred to do this work while the ground is frozen, to prevent damage to the fields. The electrical work will be done as soon as the ground thaws sufficiently in the spring.

B. Gregory Park/Northside – Chuck Marohn

Mr. Marohn requested to be on the agenda but was not in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Discovery Woods Montessori School Request

Discovery Woods Montessori School is seeking Park Board approval to tap a single maple tree in Gregory Park this spring, to provide an educational experience for its students about maple syruping. Ms. Burkey suggested that some kind of notice be placed at the site to identify it as a Park Board approved educational activity, to discourage the

general public from tapping other trees without approval and hopefully deter anyone from vandalizing the project. Mr. Parks made a motion to approve, Mr. Hegstad seconded and board approval was unanimous.

B. 2017 Park Dedication Fund

The year-end Park Dedication spreadsheet was distributed with meeting materials.

PUBLIC FORUM

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- The two bronze entrance signs to Gregory Park were refurbished by Little Falls Granite. Before and after photos were included.
- Staff applied for a \$20,000 playground grant from McKee Foods Corporation's Outdoor Happiness Movement Project. If received, funds could possibly be used for a Northtown playground.
- The Martin Luther King Jr. Fun Day planned for January 15 at Mill Avenue Park was cancelled due to cold temperatures.
- The Pond Hockey program had 18 Penguins and 26 Polar Bears register. Both age groups have two teams and play against Nisswa. The season's first games were cancelled January 13 due to cold temperatures, per the department's weather policy.
- Registration for the 2018 youth baseball state qualifiers opened January 2. The 12 and 13 & Under tournaments both filled up on January 5, and the 14 & Under tournament filled up January 8 for a total of 36 teams. The 10 and 11 & Under tournaments, which are open to 16 teams, each had 13 teams registered as of January 17.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. at the Conference Room at City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 4:25 p.m. was made by Mr. Hegstad and seconded by Ms. Burkey. Motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Finch, Administrative Specialist