

**BRAINERD PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
Regular Park Board Meeting
May 22, 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 Tim Boeder, Jackie Burkey, Dale Parks, Kara Schaefer, City Council Liaison Dave Badeaux and Park Director Tony Sailer. Also noted present was Chelsea Straw, representing Tinkergarten. Troy Rushmeyer was noted absent.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

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

- A. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held April 24, 2018**
- B. Approval of the disbursements for the month of May 2018**

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

A. Tinkergarten

The chair recognized Chelsea Straw, who gave a brief presentation about Tinkergarten. Tinkergarten promotes play-based classes in an outdoor environment. Ms. Straw is requesting the use of a small area within Gregory Park for a group of no more than 12 children, ages 18 months to five years old. Her original request was for Bane Park, but staff felt that Gregory Park would be a better space for the program due to all the department leagues and tournaments that are ongoing at Bane Park. Two summer sessions are planned, with classes meeting one hour per week for 8-10 weeks. Ms. Burkey made a motion to approve Tinkergarten's request to use Gregory Park per Ms. Straw's request. Mr. Parks seconded and board approval was unanimous.

B. Benefit Softball Tournament

A group of adult softball players would like to schedule a benefit softball tournament at Memorial Park to raise funds for another player that recently underwent surgery for a brain tumor, to help with medical bills. Board members are in support of the benefit tournament and directed staff to have the organizer complete a Request for Use of City Facilities form. Field usage fees were also discussed, and the item was tabled to the June meeting.

C. Canoe Days

The Mississippi Headwaters Board is requesting to use Kiwanis Park as a staging area for its annual Canoe Days event, scheduled for August 4 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The group doesn't use a pavilion, so no fee would be charged. Ms. Burkey made a motion to approve the Canoe Days event, Ms. Schaefer seconded and board approval was unanimous.

PUBLIC FORUM

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- The Brainerd Jaycees donated \$1,000 from the Ice Fishing Extravaganza. The donation will be placed in a fund for improvements at Jaycees Park.
- The dugouts at Jaycees Park are being worked on and the fencing on the Bane and Jaycees parks backstops will be replaced by the end of the month. Capital Improvement funds were used for both projects.
- Operation Sandwich will again have distribution sites at Kiwanis and Gregory parks this summer.
- All summer youth programs will begin the week of June 4.
- The Bicycle Clinic held on May 19 had 75 participants, the Fishing Clinic is May 26 at Lum Park and the Twins Clinic is June 2 at Bane Park.
- State qualifier baseball tournaments will be held for three consecutive weekends beginning June 15 for ages 10-14. Sixty-four teams will compete in the five age groups.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, June 26, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. at the Conference Room at City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 4:30 p.m. was made by Mr. Parks and seconded by Ms. Burkey. Motion passed 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Finch, Administrative Specialist