

BRAINERD PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
Special Park Board Meeting
July 7, 2020 at 4:15 p.m.
Brainerd Fire Department Training Room
23 Laurel Street, Brainerd, MN 56401

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the special meeting of the
Parks and Recreation Board was called to order at 4:15 p.m. by Board President Schaefer.

Present were President Kara Schaefer, Tim Boeder, Dale Parks, Troy Rushmeyer, Kevin Yeager and Park Director Tony Sailer.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

A. Summer Recreation Programs

Mr. Sailer outlined the most recent Stay Safe guidelines from the Minnesota Department of Health, current CDC recommendations, and the Governor's latest Executive Order #20-74 in an e-mail to board members the previous week. He asked if there were questions or discussion on the guidelines pertaining to youth sports. Mr. Boeder immediately said he would vote to cancel, as there would not be enough time to hire staff. Mr. Rushmeyer didn't think it would be worth it to set something up to run for a week or two. Mr. Parks agreed and added that COVID-19 cases have been increasing in most states, and if that happens in Minnesota, he would hate to start something just to turn around and reverse it. Ms. Schaefer asked about possibly offer skills clinics if staff can handle it. Mr. Sailer had several concerns including enforcing social distancing, keeping shared equipment sterilized and the health of the staff. He said the younger the kids, the harder it would be to enforce the guidelines. He also pointed out that if one employee were to get sick the entire staff, including maintenance, would be quarantined until tested. He asked if the risk is worth it at this point in time. Following discussion, Mr. Boeder made a motion to cancel summer recreation programs. Mr. Rushmeyer seconded and board approval was unanimous. The Chair declared the motion passed. Staff will prepare a news release that programs are officially cancelled and post it on the website.

PUBLIC FORUM

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, July 14, 2020, at 4:00 p.m. at the Brainerd Fire Department training room.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Parks made a motion to adjourn to the July 14 meeting at 4:45 p.m.; Mr. Boeder seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The Chair declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Finch, Administrative Specialist