

Park Board

8-24-2023

Members Present: Sherri Hanson, Dean Haarstick, Tony Sailer

Members Absent: Steph Hogan, Maggie Puetz, Carol Albright, Matt Engebretson

Others Present: Julie Lammers, Mike DuFrane, Dennis Pausch

Approved July minutes with following clarifications:

1. Handwritten minutes will be typed in future, if dropped off at the city office.
2. # 9 item on minutes that read "all good" was referring to the Loon Art for the Park event.
3. Park Board did not make any recommendations on porta potties
4. Dean Haarstick was NOT present.

Julie Lammers presented regarding multi use building for Long Lake Park project, with restrooms/building doubling as storm shelter. She has opportunity to apply for FEMA grant. **Motion by Hanson, second by Sailer to recommend her moving forward with this**

Julie Lammers presented Bike Rack grant opportunity. There would be no cost to the city, just in kind of picking up the racks and installing. **Motion by Sailer, second by Hanson to recommend 3-2hung racks, from Med-Pac, Lake Park, MN at the cost of \$400.00 each. These would be installed by city workers at the Long Lake Park, City Parking Lot and the Trailhead.**

Loon Art for the Park event was successful. Thank you to the businesses that decorated and donated baskets. Suggestion to hold another event in the Spring. Around 50 Loons left. Proceeds were \$3985.14.

Ice Rink discussed. Dennis Pausch has had some conversations regarding this. Decided it made the most sense to have it on the swimming beach area again. Use a pump to flood it (Mike Summers offered one) would need to have equipment to clear and maintain. Hanson is looking into this. We would also need porta potties for the 3-month season. Dean will visit with Neil Kuhlemeyer who has some experience with other ice rinks. **Motion by Hanson, second by Sailer to recommend to council to proceed with research of this and to ask Otter Tail Power for an extra light on the existing pole.**

Restrooms at Long Lake Park. Dennis has been maintaining over the summer. Good feedback on the very limited improvements that have been allowed. **Motion by Hanson, second by Sailer to ask for improvements, not to exceed \$2500.00 for flush toilets, new vent and the labor to install.** This would be around a \$3000.00 savings from porta potties for the summer.

Trail Fence has been installed and all is good. Mike would like to look into artificial grass to eliminate mowing around the posts.

2024 Budget increase to \$50000.00 was requested of council. Long Lake Beach and park improvements overall is what determined that request.

Pickleball Open House was well attended by many non-residents, and Council liaison Bruce Albright gave a nice welcome address. Overwhelming agreement to the benefit to the community.

City Worker Update from Mike DuFrane in Matt Engebretson absence.

- Mike has appreciated the volunteer help from Dennis Pausch.
- It was requested that Mike contact Arvig regarding bring the manhole by the loon up to surface so that there is not a large dip in the landscape.
- It was also requested that Mike contact the DNR to inquire about getting an extension on the existing fishing pier due to the weed bed.
- Mike informed that the DNR approved extended area for treating for weeds. He also would like to eliminate the buoy ropes and just go with buoys as he felt it contained some of the surface algae.
- Mike also informed that they are not able to help set up for any events without council approval prior.
- The brush cutting by the waterski volunteers has been helpful, and the board approved continuing, as long as they stay with the EOTSW plan that they have access to.

Stationary Portable Dock was looked and discussed. A bid from Beach King has been received, Hanson will seek out other ideas as well.

Meeting adjourned at 4:35pm

Next Meeting will be at 3:00pm on September 28th at the VEC

Minutes recorded by Sherri Hanson