

Park and Recreation Board Meeting
Monday, October 2, 2023
Minutes

Members Present: Art Taft, Anne Schmidt, Kevin England, Erin Borland, and Pat Carroll
Staff Present: Steve Herrig, Kevin Vining, Jessica Compton, Erica McNamee and Sarah Griffin
Guest: Tina Hunter, Tonya Jorgenson and Paula Slicker

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Art Taft note to correct the date of the Grande Vista Clean-Up Day mentioned in the September 11, 2023. It was October 6th not October 13th.

Board motioned to approve September 11, 2023 minutes as written with correction. Motion was seconded and carried, 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

- Steve Herrig, Park and Recreation
 - Aquatic and Recreation Center
 - Construction going well.
 - Interior walls continue to be framed and sheet rocked.
 - Most of the doors are framed and closed in.
 - Asphaltting, sometime this week.
 - Fundraising Campaigning
 - Scheels
 - 18 employees \$26,000 – the million dollar difference is from Scheels Foundation.

NEW BUSINESS

- Park Board Officer Positions
 - Steve Herrig postponed officer positions until the new member is on the Board and all members are present at the meeting. This gives everyone the opportunity to vote.
- Branches on the Spectrum.
 - Presentation by Tina Hunter, Tonya Jorgenson and Paula Slicker. on a
 - Program that would like to utilize a portion (4 acres) of Wadsworth Park land to start Branches on the Spectrum, Inc.
 - A “farm life” educational setting where staff encourages and coach students through various stages of life using cows, therapy chickens, vegetable gardens, sensory gardens, and goats, etc.
 - Program layout handout given to each board and staff member.

A motion was made by Pat Carroll to recommend Branches of the Spectrum leasing a portion of Wadsworth Park Land to the City Commission, motion was seconded and carried, 5-0.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Department Updates – Steve Herrig
 - The North Shore project will not start on time.
 - Still looking for 2 Arborist to hire full time.
- Department Updates – Jessica Compton
 - Erica and I have been working with the Library on a teen counsel.
 - November 2nd kick off day for the event at Community Rec Center.
 - Continue working with Erica and Jerry on new Rec Center planning.
- Department Updates -Erica McNamee
 - Fall Volleyball and Basketball leagues are starting soon.
 - Pickelball going well.
 - Working on CDBG grant for pool lifts for each of the pools.
 - Working on getting splash pad construction project going.
- Department Updates – Kevin Vining
 - Started winterization on the irrigation and restrooms in the parks.
 - Snow fence installed.
 - Skate Park had an event – around 100 attended.
 - Duck round-up coming up on October 20th, weather permitting.
 - Trails Coordinator, Olivia Hollis, starting in about a week.
 - Still working on South end of 10th Street Bridge, getting the bids in line.
 - Calumet trail project will be closed longer than expected. A utility line was hit during well drilling.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

November 13, 2023
Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.