

**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 13<sup>th</sup>.*

*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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting.
  - Trails Coordinator, Olivia Hollis, starting in about a week.
  - Still working on South end of 10<sup>th</sup> 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.**