



5:00 PM – Monday, June 12th, 2023 Meeting Room of the Community Center

MINUTES

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM. by Board President Elliott.

- 1. Roll Call: Present: Park Board members, Pat Elliott, Kathryn Lewandowski, Larry Hallett, Brad Wegner, Gary Manning- County Board, Mark Chambers- City Council, Parks and Rec Dir.- Jodi Mieden, Summer Rec Sup- Madelyn Bauer, Parks and Grounds Supt- Dave Fry. Absent: Allicia Woodhouse
- 2. Motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the last meeting(s) in lieu of printed copies and approve the same. Motion by Lewandowski to approve the minutes. Second by Manning. Motion carried unanimously.
- 3. Discussion and possible approval to adopt Woodman Aquatic Center Rules and Patron informational guidelines as recommended. Bauer proposed the revised rules and Patron Guidelines, the Board made the decision to take them home to review and discuss and approve at the next meeting.
- **4. Approval of payment of monthly bills.** Motion by Manning to approve payment of the bills. Second by Chambers. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Staff Reports:

- A. Senior Coordinator: Heffner submitted written report. She had a successful Brewer's bus trip and will receive \$5.00 per person that went from Richland Center. Total deposit from coffee money so far is \$285.00. There is a fundraiser Euchre Tournament being held on RC Thunderfest in the Senior Center to raise money for a scholarship for youth programs. The RASC potluck has grown and in May the room was filled with seniors. The organization provides a wonderful chance for socialization and comraderie. Seniors can enjoy a movie on the big screen 2x per month and have been very well attended.
- **B. Parks and Recreation Director:** Mieden reported during the month of May, the Community Center continued to be very busy with rentals, open walkers, & lots of kids for open gym, and all the Community Gardens have been rented at OMPP. The Northside gardens are the fullest we have seen in years. The Campgrounds have been busy and we continue to get phone calls about them. The Summer Staff has been busy setting up for Rec programs and for the Pool. We have been working very closely with Tracy from Symons with Lifeguard training and she has allowed our guards hop in on her most recent class to brush up on skills. Our 2023 Spring/Summer recreation programs are filling up with kids and we are ready for a great Summer! The Fishing Derby was a hit with 29 kids attending as well as lots of parents and spectators. Jena planned a great event! DNR was on site to help and announce winners. Wayne Morgenthaler was on hand to assist our crew as well. I have been on pool duty since the 17th and learning a lot. We are experiencing equipment issues and have since set a plan for scheduled preventative maintenance for the future. We open June 10th and have been fielding



lots of inquiries on start date, people are excited- The splash pad had been very well attended since startup. Mieden reported that shade has been an issue at the pool with all but 2 of the concessions umbrellas were broken. Plans to purchase new are intended.

- C. Parks and Grounds Superintendent: Fry reported that they have been busy as ever and that they had the best summer staff ever. Mieden and Bauer both raised questions about the time they had worked for Fry, thinking that they were the best staff ever. With the drought, little mowing has been getting done, but other projects have been checked off the list. The Cemetery continues to be as busy as always. Campsite firepits were cemented & installed at all three locations in each of the 12 sites. Continued issues with the homeless in the campgrounds lately, lots of visits from the PD. The cameras are working well and have been instrumental in catching lots of things that would have been missed without them. 20 out of 117 dike lights have been replaced and are looking really good. Fry recommends replacing all sooner than later. Parts removed will go to replace any damaged ones. New truck arrived. Fry and Reed have been assisting Mieden with pool efforts.
- 10. Park Board President's report. Elliott reported on the pool, noting all of the extra work that has been put in due to Badger's inexperience with our pool and that we were happy to have Neuman come in and problem solve the rest of the issues. Even though Badger is cheaper, it will be worth the money to have Neuman do the work in the future, as they built our pool and know exactly what to do.
- 11. Reports, requests, etc. Nothing to report.
- **12. Adjournment.** Motion by Hallett to adjourn the meeting. Second by Manning. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Jodi Mieden.