MINUTES
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
Monday, December 11, 2023, 5:30PM
Civic Auditorium Office

CALL TO ORDER

Called to order by Mike Johnson. Board Members present: Missy Reynolds, Tom Clarey, Maurie Tomke, Linda Kiefer. Also present: Rec Superintendent-Sue Edmondson and Park Superintendent-Todd Espeland.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

Motion made by Missy Reynolds. Second by Linda Kiefer. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES

Motion made by Missy Reynolds. Second by Maurie Tomke. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Hanson Trail Head

- Discussion of privacy fencing
- River City Fencing gave estimate
  - $15,400 for 220ft of vinyl fencing
- Will continue to give it some thought

Gaylord Wooge Service Award

- Discussion of candidates

OLD BUSINESS

Rec Report, Sue

- One more night of girls basketball league
- This Saturday is Middle School Christmas Party in Civic
- Front entry of Aquatic Center has been redone
- Pool has been sandblasted and repainted
- Sunday night drop-in basketball will start January 7th in Civic
- Boys 4th-8th grade basketball traveling league starts on January 4th in Civic

Park Report, Todd

- Winnebago River Revitalization Project
  - Daisy has WHKS working on getting involved with project
    - Waiting on information from DNR to proceed
- New Holland tractor is back
  - Dealer was not able to find the issue
- Continuing to work on the buckthorn cleanup
  - Not as easy to find with the leaves being gone
- Gates closed in Clarks Woods
  - Someone is moving cut trees
- Field driveway off Airport Blacktop has had consistent traffic turning it into a road
  - Todd met with Chad to discuss

- Potential purchase of skid loader and brush cutter
    - Todd talked about clean up in Thomas Bearse and Clarks Woods
    - Four departments will go in on it together
    - Parks department will pay approximately $18,000 for skid loader
    - Still looking for estimates on brush cutter

ESPN Fund

- $45,150.57

Other Old Business

- Discussion about Visioning
    - Discussion about bridge and trail
        - Funding from Hanson Foundation and potentially NIACOG
    - Tennis/Pickleball courts cost is still at $100,000
        - Discussed separating the repairs and potential for relocation
    - Campground Shower House and Restroom Facility
        - As good as it can get now until it can be rebuilt
    - Aquatic Center Trail
        - Still need quotes from Heartland
    - Board members will review and together look at reprioritizing

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Motion by Maurie Tomke. Second by Linda Kiefer. Motion carried.