

The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was held on Tuesday, August 17, 2021 at the Al Quaal Lodge. Chairman Andrews called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Chairperson Norman Andrews, Commission members, Claudia Demarest, Stevie Parks, Dr. Stephen Piereson, David Morton, and Council Representative Lindsay Bean. Also, present was DPW Assistant Foreman-Cem/Parks Kaleb Rundman and DPW Office Manager April Holm. Absent: Angelo Bosio, Edmund Holmgren and School Liaison Carrie Meyer.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

There as none.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Demarest, supported by Commissioner Piereson and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of June 15, 2021 as presented.

#### LODGE RENTAL RATES

The topic of increasing the lodge rental rates was brought in front of the commission.

The Park Department would like to increase the rental fees of our lodges and pavilions. The proposed rental rates would be \$200 for residents and \$250 for non-residents for all of our rentals including the pavilions. This proposal would be upgrading the pavilion rentals from an hourly rate to a flat rate. The proposal of a flat rate would make the permit process work more smoothly especially with renters wanting to change hours short notice.

A motion was made by Commissioner Demarest with support from Commissioner Piereson to propose increasing the fees for renting Al Quaal Lodge, Teal Lake Lodge, and Lake Bancroft Pavilion to \$200 for residents and \$250 for non-residents. Also changing the rentals for the Al Quaal and St Rocco's Pavilions from an hourly rate to a flat rate which would be the same as the lodge rentals at \$200 for residents and \$250 for non-residents. The motion was carried with a unanimous vote.

#### TUBE SLIDE RATES

Kaleb Rundman proposed increasing the tube slide daily rates to be more in line with other communities and also removing the group rental rate. There was a lot of discussion on increasing the rates. Commissioner Piereson made a motion to propose an increase of \$2 to the daily tube slide rate which would make it \$10 per person. This motion was supported by Commissioner Demarest and was carried unanimously.

Commissioner Demarest made a motion to propose the elimination of group rates during public tubeslide hours to help make things easier at the tubeslide. The motion had support by Commissioner Morton and was carried with a unanimous vote.

Also, there was a discussion about simplifying the private party tube rental rates. Instead of having to specify the number of people in a private party just have one rate for all private party rentals. A motion was made by Commissioner Demarest with support by Commissioner Morton to propose one rate for private party rentals and to increase that rate to \$500 plus the \$100 clean up bond. This motion was carried with a unanimous vote.

#### PARK REPORT

Kaleb Rundman discussed the results of his playground equipment audit. He said some things were in need of repair or need to be painted. Some pieces of equipment may need to be removed completely.

The Park Department has placed a can recycling receptacle at the ballfields so that residents had a place to recycle their cans while attending games. Commissioner Morton said that the cans were working out nicely . We are also in the process of ordering no smoking signs to be placed at the ballfields as well.

Kaleb Rundman also informed the board that because of vandalism the city will be placing timed locks on all of the public bathroom facilities. The bathrooms will automatically lock at a certain time every night.

#### OLD/NEW BUSINESS

An update was given about the memorial bench for Lake Bancroft Park. The family and friends of Kathrine Kivisto Wirtala were notified that they were approved to purchase a bench for Lake Bancroft Park. The bench is currently on order.

Mayor Bean discussed the possibility of brushing the other side of the current tube slide to make another hill for skiers and snowboarders. Also, to possibly inspect the other tow rope equipment to see if we are able to get that working again.

Mayor Bean gave an update on the Malton Road campground. She said that logging of the area would begin this year in order to qualify for the grant money. They are hoping to have the campground completed sometime next year.

Commissioner Demarest asked about future camping or lodging at Al Quaal Recreation Area. Commissioner Andrews thought that there was a signed agreement regarding that subject. More research would need to be made into this topic before any future discussions can be had.

#### NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on October 17, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

#### ADJOURNMENT

At 8:00 p.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Demarest supported by Commissioner Morton to adjourn. The motion was unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

April Holm  
DPW Office Manager/Recording Secretary