

A meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was held on Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at the Al Quaal Lodge. Chair Lisa Thompson called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

Present: Commission members present were Claudia Demarest, Lisa Thompson, Stephen Piersen, Jane Hendrick, Kevin Corkin, Dave Morton, School Representative Carrie Meyer and Council Representative Lindsay Bean (8). Absent: Edmund Holmgren (1). Also, present was DPW General Foreman Bill Anderson, DPW Assistant Foreman-Cemetery/Parks Kaleb Rundman, DPW Office Manager April Holm.

PUBLIC COMMENT – No public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Member Demarest, supported by Member Hendrick and carried unanimously to approve the minutes as presented for 02/21/2023.

GROOMING EQUIPMENT UPDATE

DPW General Foreman Bill Anderson discussed the NMU race in February and that our Pisten Bully broke down during the last race. It was a good thing the Pisten Bully was not in the middle of the track when it broke down because we had to tow it out after the race. We were able to get an estimate on the cost for just to get it moving and it was about \$42,000 which does not include repairing the engine.

Our gator is only capable of grooming the Teal Lake side of the ski trail system. We would be able to groom for the Nogue but the gator is unable to pull the ginzu behind it. DPW is still pursuing grant funding to purchase another groomer.

Some ideas were thrown on the table from various members of the commission. Contacting friends of Valley Spur to see if they are interested in purchasing a new Pisten Bully to see if we would be able to get a deal on purchasing 2 instead of just one. Also, there may be a possibility to rent a groomer from the ski hill.

AL QUAAL SEWER UPDATE

DPW General Foreman Bill Anderson discussed that we ordered a pump for the lodge and we should be able to get it installed in a few weeks. We have begun taking reservations for the Al Quaal Lodge starting in May.

CAMPGROUND UPDATE

Brasswire Campground is tentatively scheduled to open for Memorial weekend. There is still a lot of work to be done. We need to get our reservation system up and running, water system needs to be revamped. The traffic signs are being ordered and the map is being worked on. We are looking for a vendor to provide wood to the campground. Our water source which is 2 wells is currently undergoing testing.

We will be using our part time summer students to help with the campground.

PARK REPORT

The skiing events went well this year except for Pisten Bully breaking down. Luckily that was at the end of the season. Lights were finally installed at the ice rink. Ballfields are currently a mess because of the snow and then the rain. The city will most likely start hiring part time summer students next week.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS

Vice Chair Lindsay Bean gave an update on status of the Dog Park project. Anne Giroux has now taken back the Dog Park project so looking forward to more updates on that.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for June 20, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:17 p.m. a motion was made by Member Demarest supported by Member Hendrick and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

April Holm
DPW Office Manager