

A meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was held on Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at the Al Quaal Lodge. Chair Lisa Thompson called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

Present: Commission members present were Claudia Demarest, Lisa Thompson, Stephen Piersen, Jane Hendrick, School Representative Carrie Meyer (5). Absent: Kevin Corkin, and Council Representative Lindsay Bean (2). Also, present was DPW General Foreman Bill Anderson, DPW Assistant Foreman-Cemetery/Parks Kaleb Rundman, and DPW Office Manager April Holm.

PUBLIC COMMENT – No public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Member Demarest, supported by Member Pieresen and carried unanimously to approve the minutes as presented for 8/15/2023.

PARK BOARD ORDINANCE

Presented the Park Board with the newly adopted Park Commission Ordinance.

GATOR

DPW Assistant Foreman-Cemetery/Parks Kaleb Rundman presented the Park Board with some quotes for a new piece of grooming equipment. John Deere gave a quote for a new gator of \$34287. Another quote was received for a wolverine and was \$28000.

The gator is used for everyday grooming whereas the piston bully would only be used for special events. A gator is preferred over a wolverine because it is like what the parks are currently using. Also, the gator can pull the grooming equipment more effectively. A motion was made by Member Demarest with support from Member Hendrick to recommend to council to accept the quote from John Deere to purchase a new gator with public improvement funds. The vote was carried unanimously.

PARK REPORT

The Brasswire Campground opened in August and is now closed. There were roughly 90 people reserving sites ranging from 1 night to 6 nights.

Currently working on winterizing the campground which means locking the bathrooms and taking the handles off the water pumps.

The Park Department is looking at replacing the lights for the streets in the park and the tubeslide with allocated public improvement funds.

The Park Department is currently working on getting quotes to have a company come in and widening the hill so that we can bring in National Races which require an area for a certain grade for uphill climbing.

The city is also looking at getting a QR code to pay for ski trail permits. The goal is to have the trails groomed daily.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS

Management is currently working with the Unions to open employment for tubeslide workers. Students will get priority but anyone will be able to apply for part time employment for the tubeslide.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for January 2, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:29 p.m. a motion was made by Member Demarest by Member Hendrick and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "April Holm". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "April" and last name "Holm" clearly distinguishable.

April Holm
DPW Office Manager