

April 15, 2025

A special meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was held on Tuesday, April 15, 2025 at the Al Quaal Lodge. Chairperson Jane Hendrick called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Present: Commission members present were Jane Hendrick, Claudia Demarest, Craig Heikkila, and School Representative Carrie Meyer (4). Absent: Kevin Corkin, Council Member Jason Chapman and DPW Assistant Foreman-Cemetery/Parks Kaleb Rundman (3) and 1 vacant seat. Also present were DPW Foreman Bill Anderson, and Kathy Hakala- Utility Billing.

PUBLIC COMMENT – No public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES -None

PARK REPORT

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

A. Meeting Schedule:

There was discussion about the meeting schedule. There is no need to change the schedule to every month, the only time that it would need to be changed is if there is a special meeting.

B. Al Quaal Lodge repairs:

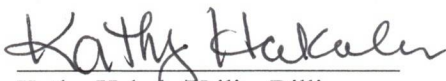
Member Demarest contacted Hiawatha Log Homes for repairs to the lodge and they recommended Nate Demers and Casey of Weatherize to come and assess the building and give their bid for the cost of the repairs. To meet the code restrictions the restrooms need to be built and that will change the slope of the roof. The building itself and the ramp is not ADA compliant. The major issue is the logs are rotting. Log repair is the easiest with the roof off. Testing needs to be done for lead and asbestos and have those removed. There is still time to get the grants, the building will remain stable. Bill Anderson had to excuse himself for an emergency.

It will take time to get an estimate together; the first thing would be to get the lead testing done then the Asbestos, they would need to be done by a 3rd party. The engineers are helpful with getting grants for the projects. Getting the building structurally sound should be first before going into other areas of repairs.

Member Demarest made a motion, supported by Member Hendrick and carried unanimously to move forward with the mission of saving the Al Quaal Lodge and obtaining recommendations of repairs and and bids from Nate and Casey.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:25 p.m. a motion was made by Member Hendrick supported by Member Heikkila and carried unanimously to adjourn.


Kathy Hakala/Utility Billing