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MINUTES
PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at 5:15pm
City Hall Lower Level Training Room

Members Present: Susan Reese (Chair), Sean Downing (Council Rep), Brandon Dobbertin, Brenda Gaulke, and Patricia LaRue

Members Absent: Jim Nordgren and Melissa Pedrini

Staff Present: Cindi Danke-*Recreation Manager*; Brenda Rundle-*Recreation Assistant*; Nate Croes-*City Forrester*

Others Present: Heidi Heinze-*Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) member*; Chris Gagne-*City Council Member*

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting convened at 5:15pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MSC Downing/Gaulke to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2019 Park and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting. Motion passed 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gagne looked over the agenda item and attached report regarding park shelter fees and encourages Park Board to keep the park shelter reservation fees affordable. He feels \$100-\$125 sounds reasonable for City residents to reserve the new Glen Park pavilion.

NEW BUSINESS

Heidi Heinze of the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) discussed a historic plaque being added at the base of the flagpole at Veterans Park. She shared a draft of what the plaque might say. Park Board discussed what could be removed to shorten the information on the plaque. The draft will also be shared with the American Legion for review. They hope to have the plaque up by August.

Heidi Heinze talked about using Glover Schoolhouse at DeSanctis Park for historic and educational purposes. Although there is not yet water or sewer, there is a portable toilet. There are fifteen old school desks in the building and the City has more available. HPC could pursue grants to find furnish some items to use it for programs and exhibits that were used in the years it was a school house; i.e. old wall maps, wall alphabet, slates and chalk, quills and ink, and a

teacher's desk would be ideal. There is a lot of wall space for historic displays and interactive cabinets or drawers could be added. This could be a joint project between Park Board, HPC, and the St. Croix County Historical Society. Reese offered Park Board's support as Heinze pursues grants, and there were no objections. No formal motion was required at this time.

Park Board should start thinking about the fee to rent out the new pavilion at Glen Park when it is completed. It will be available year-round. Cindi Danke shared a list of what other nearby cities charge for renting comparable shelters. Park Board seems to feel that we should be near the Hudson fee of around all day rate \$100 or \$125 for City residents (with a higher fee for non-City residents as they do not pay taxes towards the parks), or perhaps a 4-hour rate and to have an increased cancellation fee (ours is currently \$5). In Hudson, people need to cancel at least fourteen days prior to the reservation to get a refund (minus a \$40 cancellation fee). Park Board recommends a damage deposit for the new pavilion and Glover Schoolhouse.

OLD BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

MSC Reese/Dobbertin to adjourn the meeting at 6:15pm. Motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Brenda Rundle, Recreation Assistant