

**City of Babbitt
Parks and Recreation Board
August 3, 2011**

The Regular Meeting of the Babbitt Parks and Recreation Board was called to order at 5:29 p.m. by Acting Chairman, Jim Mackai.

Present for roll call were: Devin Lind-Chamberlin, Jim Zupancich, Jim Mackai, Ron Marinaro, Joe Scherer and Mary Muellerleile

Absent were: Duane Lossing and Mike Jaeger

Others present were John Fitzpatrick, Glenn Anderson, Tara Bird, Tammy LaSart and Tim Richtsmeier

Motion by Lind-Chamberlin, second by Zupancich to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 20, 2011 with an amended change to the status of the fishing pier, the floats were not attached at the time of the July 20, 2011 meeting. Carried.

Motion by Marinaro, second by Mackai to accept the amended change to the minutes. Carried.

Jaeger arrived at 5:32 p.m.

Tara Bird of the Babbitt Figure Skating Club presented possible schedules for arena ice time. Discussion followed on cost of electricity, new lighting, compressor update, previous year's ice times, ice dates, open skating proceeds, school use of arena, ice time fees, advertising, hockey tournaments and fundraising ideas.

Tim Richtsmeier asked if there been any more discussion regarding a beach attendant platform and life saving equipment at the beach. Coordinator Scherer is working with the attorneys for the MN League of Cities regarding liability issues. Richtsmeier also asked the status of providing more benches and picnic tables around town. The topic has been brought to the Street Department.

Old Business

A second session of summer dance will be held August 15-18. There will be two groups running from 1:00-3:55 p.m., Monday-Thursday at the same rate of pay as the first session.

Discussion followed on the fishing pier float plugs. The floats did not have plugs which allowed the floats to fill with water and freeze which possibly contributed to the float damage. Zupancich will call Floe regarding the damaged floats and missing plugs. The information will be passed on to the City Council.

Handicapped bathroom was discussed. Coordinator Scherer contacted Darren Visser regarding rental of portable toilets. The cost would be \$145 per month which would include servicing once a week. The purchase price of a portable toilet would be \$2,500 plus there would be a need to hire a servicing vendor.

The cable at the beach was discussed. The Council is researching a price for a gate. The Public Safety Committee and the Police Department want the entrance to remain locked when the beach is closed.

Marinaro will ask the Police Department what time they lock and unlock the cable.

New Business

Hauling of Ag Lime and possible costs were discussed regarding the Little League field. Coordinator Scherer has received prices from a vendor in Shakopee and the New London Warehouse. Presently looking for a hauler. A load of Ag Lime is owed to the Embarrass Little League.

It was moved by Lind-Chamberlin, second by Zupancich to approve and authorize bills as presented. Carried.

Coordinator Scherer has been working with Essentia Health regarding the incorrect invoice for a vaccine, it has been corrected and Parks and Recreation will not be paying for it.

Softball scoreboard will be ready in about one month.

Budgets for Parks and Recreation were discussed.

Frisbee golf was discussed. Possible cost for a nine hole course at Fountain Park would be \$4,500. Fundraising ideas were discussed, possibly sell a hole sponsorship to businesses and families.

Coordinator Scherer will check with contractors hired by the school to provide a quote for the fascia repair/replacement on the arena.

Discussion followed on possibilities and history of bocce ball courts at the beach and in town.

It was moved by Mackai, second by Marinaro to adjourn at 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Muellerleile
Parks and Recreation Board Secretary