

**City of Babbitt
Parks and Recreation Board
May 25, 2011**

The Regular Meeting of the Babbitt Parks and Recreation Board was called to order at 5:49 p.m. by Chairman Duane Lossing.

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

Also present were John Fitzpatrick and Matt and Rebecca Littler.

Absent was Mike Jaeger.

It was moved by Lossing, supported by Marinaro, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 11, 2011. Motion Carried.

Marinaro left at 5:52 p.m.

Old Business

Coordinator Scherer relayed to the Board that the hockey receipts were deposited to the arena capital fund in April. Arena pop money was also deposited in April.

Discussion took place on the possibility of a report that would break down the arena use by user and ice time rented; Coordinator Scherer will discuss with Klegstad.

Matt and Rebecca Littler presented possibilities of grants, equipment needs, safety, surfaces, fundraising, size, donations, community club and access to the skate park. Discussion followed on the use of bikes, slab, modular equipment, storage, competitions, arena usage, who would build, liability issues with homemade equipment, positive atmosphere, graffiti issues and the possibility of a BMX park. Coordinator Scherer will check with Ryan Scharber to obtain grant writer name and will contact the Superior Skate Park, Hoyt Lakes Rec Coordinator and the Silver Bay Rec Coordinator on Skate Park information and grant applications. The Tony Hawkins grant was discussed.

Coordinator Scherer is pursuing trucking possibilities for the soil for the Little League field. Needs to be transported from the Minneapolis area. Coordinator Scherer planted the field and will spray for dandelions, field is playable but needs more work. Roof repairs on the concession stand will be taken care of as water is running into the building. Coordinator Scherer is working with Klegstad and Embarrass Little League on the unpaid bill for soil from two years ago.

Peter Mitchell Softball Tournaments will take place Sunday, Monday and Tuesday of Peter Mitchell week. Games will be played at the Little League field, balls will be provided by the Peter Mitchell Committee and the Little League will be providing the concessions.

The dog park removal is under advisement from the City Council, working on wording of the ordinance. Question was raised as to if dogs can be walked behind the beach house with discussion taking place on the possibility of walking dogs on the snowmobile trail.

Dance program was discussed. Lind-Chamberlin questioned whether it should be a camp or sessions throughout the summer, it will be determined by need and interest. Lind-Chamberlin will pursue with dance instructors, gym schedule and participant interest.

First Responder requirement for the Coordinator's job description was discussed. Council requested Recreation Board sign the updated job description which includes the First Responder addition. Motion by Lind-Chamberlin, seconded by Mackai, to approve. Motion carried.

Jason McNabb has been hired under the Vermilion Community College work study program. Ads will be run for the Beach Attendant positions.

“Swim at your own risk” signs will be posted at the beach.

No bids have been received for the old arena lighting or the operating of the beach concession stand.

Phone is working at the beach and radios have been ordered.

New Business

Fountain Park sink holes will be filled. City Council will be asked to look at infrastructure of the paths and trails, condition of them and possibility of resurfacing.

Coordinator Scherer will look into the possibility of a frisbee golf course at Fountain Park.

Coordinator Scherer will check on the fountain, lights and pump at Fountain Park.

Discussion took place on the use of the Jess Miller field as a dog exercise area. Mackai will check with the school as it is school owned and will possibly be needed for the high school baseball team. `

Council's decision is to have the Recreation Coordinator log overtime hours upon their approval and not allow comp and flex time.

Nancy Lamppa has requested use of equipment for the all night graduation party. Motion by Lossing, support by Mackai, to allow Nancy Lamppa to borrow needed equipment for the all night graduation party. Motion carried.

Coordinator Scherer has removed the fire ring located in front of the pavilion at the beach as it was creating law enforcement and safety issues.

It was moved by Lossing, second by Mackai, to approve and authorize bills as presented. Motion carried.

It was moved by Lossing, second by Zupancich, to adjourn at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Muellerleile
Parks and Recreation Board Secretary