

**City of Babbitt  
Parks and Recreation Board  
July 20, 2011**

The Regular Meeting of the Babbitt Parks and Recreation Board was called to order at 5:32 p.m. by Chairman Duane Lossing.

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

Also present were John Fitzpatrick, Glenn Anderson, Paul Hoheisel, Jim Lassi, Mitch Brunfelt, Tim Richtsmeier, Lynn Lenz and Jackie Bush

It was moved by Jaeger, second by Lossing to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 6, 2011. Motion carried.

City of Babbitt Ordinance 200 was discussed. Mitch Brunfelt explained the authority and duties of the Babbitt Parks and Recreation Board serving as an advisory board in place of a previous commission. Questions and answers were asked and provided regarding spending, budgeting, process, bill paying, research, study sessions, recommendations, specialization and employees.

Anderson, Lassi and Hoheisel left at 6:15 p.m.

Lynn Lenz and Jackie Bush, representing the Babbitt Figure Skating Club, inquired on the upcoming skating season at the arena. Opening ice dates, practice times, pricing, electrical update, oil switches, show dates, end of year party dates, fundraising and arena income possibilities were discussed. It was recommended the Babbitt Figure Skating Club send a formal letter to the Parks and Recreation Board indicating their requests. Coordinator Scherer will work with the club.

**Old Business**

The first session of summer dance went well. The toddler group needed an extra instructor raising the price from \$300 to \$350. A motion was made by Zupancich, second by Mackai, to approve the additional \$50.00. Motion carried.

A second dance session is being planned. A motion by Lossing, second by Mackai, to hold a second session provided registration numbers are adequate. Motion carried.

Lind-Chamberlin left at 7:06 p.m.

Tim Richtsmeier presented suggestions for the beach and park areas. Discussion took place on beach attendant platforms, wooden benches, sitting areas, Hike and Bike Trail benches, increasing sitting areas for walkers in the City Parks, rocks at the beach, life rings, beach playground equipment and hill for sledding. Coordinator Scherer will research.

Options, needs, placement, costs and history for a handicapped bathroom at the beach, were discussed. Coordinator Scherer will research costs.

Frisbee golf nets were discussed. Coordinator Scherer is talking with local welders and the school shop teacher for possible fabricating and welding of proposed Frisbee golf nets. Coordinator Scherer also will research the possibility of purchasing used equipment.

The fishing pier has been repaired and new floats attached. It is anticipated to be back in the water next week.

The possibilities of new rafts for the beach were discussed, Zupancich will research options.

### **New Business**

Pepsi will be dropping off pop machines at the beach and teen center, Parks and Recreation employees will be stocking the machines.

Signs for “no drinking or smoking in the bleachers” during Little League games were discussed. Little League participants will post as needed during the games.

Scoreboard at the softball field was discussed. Coordinator Scherer will research the status.

Skate park was discussed. Coordinator Scherer will research the status.

Little League field and Agrilime status was discussed. Coordinator Scherer is attempting to find a hauler. Discussion followed on the Embarrass Little League Agrilime invoice.

Softball field dugouts were discussed, possibilities of school shop class project.

Update of cable at beach entrance discussed. City Council referred concern to street department. Coordinator Scherer will check on the status.

Discussion on missing Xbox. It has not been located.

Replacing and trading of video games was discussed. Coordinator Scherer will trade the games next time he is in Duluth.

Motion by Jaeger, second by Mackai, to authorize the bills as presented with the exception of the Essentia invoice. Motion carried.

Motion by Mackai, second by Lossing, to adjourn at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Muellerleile  
Parks and Recreation Secretary