

The Park and Recreation Board meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairperson Bryce Remy.

Members Present: Remy, Marschke, Muche, Krueel and Voy.

Members Absent: None

Motion by Remy, second by Voy, to approve minutes from January 11, 2023.

All voting Aye. Motion carried.

Public Appearances: None.

Parks Report:

- Still cutting down ash trees.
- Bike signs ordered and will be here by April 15<sup>th</sup>.

Aquatic Center Report:

- Dodge County YMCA contract needs to be signed by March 1<sup>st</sup>. Will be going to Council on 02/23/2023.

Recreation Report: None.

Presentation on Playgrounds and Services from Commercial Recreation Specialist (CRS):

- Brian Stracke with Commercial Recreation Specialist gave a presentation.

Motion by Remy, second by Muche, to approve Horicon Historical Society to use River Bend Park for 2023 Living History Days May 12 thru May 14 and allowing a \$5.00 admission fee to offset the fees associated with the event. Boaters would still be able to have access to the park.

All voting Aye. Motion carried.

Motion Remy, second by Krueel, to approve the carrying of and discharging of weapons for 2023 Living History Days.

All voting Aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Remy, second by Marschke, to approve the use of horses in River Bend Park for 2023 Living History Days, is dependent on the weather.

All voting Aye. Motion carried.

Discussion on the Horicon Aquatic Center transferable pool pass policy. Changes still needed.

Modifications to Monument at Bowling Green Park:

- Waiting on prices relating to Pergola.

Update to the Horicon Bicycle Program:

- Signs are ordered for the bike program.
- Checking into tracking device, will have a quote next month.

Updates on Discher Park Dance Hall:

- Waiting on Structural Report, expected to have by April. Only feedback from engineer was "negative".
- A quote enabling Discher Park Dance Hall to be used year-round (heat, air conditioning and bathrooms) but not addressing structural issues, came in at \$1,277,000. This does not include the foundation, which could be another \$500,000.
- Discher Park Dance Hall is rented for two events already and safety concerns with the foundation.
- Recommend using the 1909 Jersey Street building instead of the Dance Hall.
- Would like to establish a park asset management system to track and prevent future buildings from reaching this level.

Motion by Remy, second by Voy, to close Discher Park Dance Hall through 2023 pending a structural evaluation. All voting Aye. Motion carried.

Food and Event Ideas for the Horicon Aquatic Center:

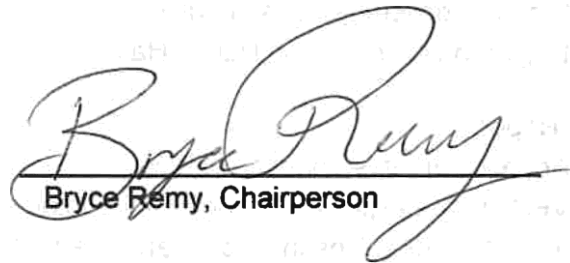
- Idea of allowing service groups to sell concessions at the pool.
- Look into establishing theme nights and promoting for Saturday's, such as Hawaiian themed.

Sledding at North Palmatory Hill:

- Remy met with Eric Kilburg (DNR Property Manager for Horicon Marsh) and that sledding is allowed. DNR will not be modifying the land in anyway, nor allowing a third party to do this.
- DNR, City and citizens have a very special relationship here in Horicon, that will continue to be developed.

Set next meeting date for Wednesday, March 8, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Motion to adjourn by Remy, second by Marschke. All voting Aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.



**Bryce Remy, Chairperson**

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