

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

Members Present: Remy, Muche, Krueel and Voy.

Members Absent: Marschke.

Motion by Voy, second by Muche, to approve minutes from May 1, 2023.

All voting Aye. Motion carried.

Public Appearances: None.

Parks Report:

- Summer mowers started on Tuesday, May 30th.
- Issues with kayaks being dragged on concrete. DPW ordered a plastic welder to fix kayaks.
- Concerns over life jackets being placed back in the shed.
- Theft of flowers at Bowling Green Park.
- Bikes have been getting good use.
- Weeds sprayed down.
- Remy made a comment that "Friends of the Horicon Parks" has been established as a non-profit organization.

Drew Buteyn, YMCA Director arrived at 6:09 p.m.

Aquatic Center Report:

- 354 people on opening day of pool and 298 people on second day, very busy, but running smoothly.
- 176 kids have signed up for swim lessons.

Recreation Report:

- Current activities include Youth baseball and softball games with 92 kids who have signed up.
- Future activities include summer sports camps for basketball and football with football beginning mid-July.
- Horicon Hustle meetings will begin in June.
- Youth golf is a possibility for this fall.
- Potential partnership with the Friends of the Horicon Marsh on kayaking and canoeing.

Presentation from MSA on their services and parks they are working on.

Discussion on focusing on destination parks versus community parks. Showed designs provided to us by Kompan that included wildlife and marsh themed playgrounds. An item that the Park Board wants to see at Council either a vote or discussion on if we are willing to invest City funds over multiple years into a master plan for the parks. The Board would like this information before continuing down this path and putting together a master plan involving public input.

Friends of the Horicon Parks will be applying for Kwik Trip Kares grant. Ideally would be used for a drop and play playground at Bowling Green Park since it is right across the street from Kwik Trip.

There is a grant that is non-matching that could be applied for by Friends of Horicon Parks for replacements at Rotary Park.

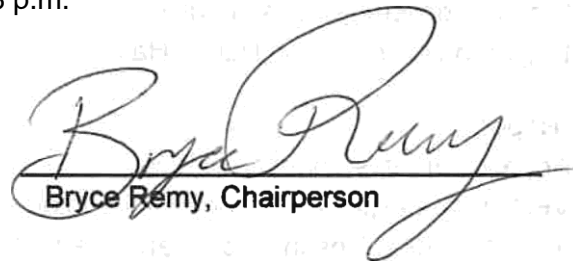
Suggestion of potential improvements to Addie Park, including a store front.

Discussion on a grant that will open in 2024 for River Bend Park Trail.

Motion by Remy, second by Muche, to name River Bend Park Trail "My Best Friend Trail".
All voting Aye. Motion carried.

Set the next meeting date for Monday, July 10, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at Bowling Green Park Shelter.

Motion to adjourn by Remy, second by Muche.
All voting Aye. The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.



Bryce Remy, Chairperson

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