

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

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

Members Absent: None.

Motion by Remy, second by Mucche, to approve minutes from August 8, 2023.

All voting Aye. Motion carried.

Public Appearances:

- Eugene Rossing provided an update on the Horicon free Bicycle Program.

Parks Report:

- Tree trimming is in process.
- No part-time mowers currently.
- The pool is partially shut down.
- Park Drive needs to be redone, which could open Discher Park to more grants, including a trail from the east to west side.

Aquatic Report:

- Came in roughly under budget in the amount of \$8,000, pending one final payroll.
- Some issues with staffing that Buteyn is going to address with policies and staying on top of it.
- Revenue in the amount of \$57,552.00, the report does not include swim passes sold at City Hall.
- Total attendance for the season was 13,944.

Recreation Report:

- Current activities include registration for fall activities including flag football and youth soccer.
- Preparing for Horicon Hustle in the Marsh 5K/1K Fun Run/Walk 2023, on Saturday, September 9th.
- Future activities include fall youth basketball, and possible partnership with the Blue Heron.
- Van Brunt gymnasium has open pickleball M-F 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- Summer cleaning is continuing.
- Voy asked if the Park Board could work on a fishing day event.

Playground Q&A with KOMPAN Representative John Hill:

- Playgrounds are designed using rock-resistant black locust wood.
- Questions regarding design and where playgrounds are manufactured.

Discussion on requesting Discher Park playground equipment in City budget. Cody will work with John Hill to get the finalized quotes for Canadian Goose design and second playground design with a zipline.

Motion by Voy, second by Krueel, to recommend the Canadian Goose Design and second playground design with zipline for the 2024 Budget.

All voting Aye. Motion carried.

Discussion on the Discher Park baseball field blacktop underneath the bleachers which is deteriorating and would like to replace blacktop with woodchips or limestone chips. Consensus to replacing the blacktop underneath the bleachers at Discher Park with limestone chips.

Discussion on nature scape at Bowling Green Park. Advised Friends of Horicon Parks group had only listed Bowling Green Park on application and would have to potentially forfeit grants. Recommend utilizing Rotary Park as a nature scape.

Kiwanis Park Amphitheater:

- Private donor is non-committal about donating. Would like to see the Board request it to be in the 2024 Budget.
- Cody will include it in the 2024 Budget.

Voy would like to see pollinator gardens in the parks. Recommend a trial run of annual flowers in DOT right-of-way section across from Whitty Park donated by Voy.

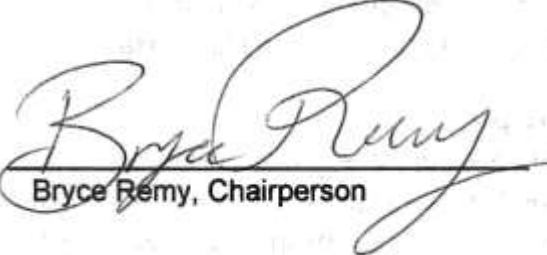
Marschke left the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Motion by Remy, second by Muche, to approve a donation of Zinnia seed from Voy.
All voting Aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Remy, second by Muche, to allow placement of pollinator garden (4 x 100 foot) section in DOT triangle across from Whitty Park.
All voting Aye. Motion carried.

Set the next meeting date for Monday, October 9, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at DPW conference room.

Motion to adjourn by Remy, second by Muche.
All voting Aye. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.



Bryce Remy, Chairperson

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