

BRAINERD PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
Special Park Board Meeting
January 7, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.
Crow Wing County Courthouse (3rd floor)
326 Laurel Street, Brainerd MN 56401

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the special meeting of the
Parks and Recreation Board was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

Present were President Troy Rushmeyer, Dale Parks, Tim Boeder, Kevin Yeager, City Council Liaison Dave Badeaux and Park Director Tony Sailer. Kara Schaefer was noted absent.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Youth Baseball

Mr. Rushmeyer reported that he and Mr. Sailer met with representatives from Community Education and the Baxter Baseball Association to discuss merging Brainerd and Baxter competitive baseball, but Baxter Mayor Darrel Olson was unable to attend. Staff is trying to obtain concrete financial information for the Park Board to be able to make a comprehensive decision that is best for all area residents and the future of the baseball program. The Board feels strongly that all entities involved, including the ISD 181 School Board, Community Education, City of Baxter and the Park Board need to meet to obtain information and discuss options. Mr. Sailer stressed that the City of Baxter pays Community Ed. to run all of its youth programs and Community Ed. collects all the revenues, but does not pay the City of Baxter anything for field maintenance. Following considerable discussion, Mr. Sailer will try to set up a meeting with all agencies involved in the next week or so. Mr. Rushmeyer added there may need to be another special Park Board meeting on January 21. It was mentioned that time may be running short to be able to facilitate major changes for 2020. Zach Heidmann from the Brainerd Lakes Area Baseball Association shared that he feels strongly that the Brainerd leagues' biggest issue is the lack of solid coaching, starting at the t-ball level. Discussion was tabled to the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC FORUM

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, January 28, 2020, at 4:00 p.m. at the Crow Wing County Courthouse (3rd floor) at 326 Laurel Street, Brainerd.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made at 4:47 p.m. by Mr. Boeder and seconded by Mr. Parks. Motion passed 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Finch, Administrative Specialist