

**BRAINERD PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**  
**Regular Park Board Meeting**  
**January 28, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.**  
**Crow Wing County Courthouse-3<sup>rd</sup> floor-326 Laurel Street, Brainerd**

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

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

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Mr. Parks nominated Ms. Schaefer as President, Mr. Boeder seconded and board approval was unanimous. Mr. Parks nominated Mr. Yeager as Vice-President, Mr. Boeder seconded and board approval was unanimous.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

See Item "C" under New Business

**MOVED AND SECONDED BY BOEDER AND PARKS,  
DULY CARRIED TO APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR AS PRESENTED**

- A. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held December 17, 2019 and the special meeting held January 7, 2020**
- B. Approval of the disbursements for the month of January 2020**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Memorial Park Project**

Mr. Sailer reported that the Memorial Park parking lot discussion has now been tentatively scheduled for the February 18 City Council meeting. Mr. Boeder took issue with the fact that if the city purchases the parking lot, the money will reduce the amount the Park Board will receive from the Council for the Memorial Park project. Mr. Yeager commented that the Parks Department will also be responsible to maintain the parking lot if the city purchases it. If the city goes ahead with the purchase, Mr. Badeaux will recommend that the lot be maintained by the Council since the Park Board recommended not to purchase it.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Soil and Water Grant**

Staff reported that the Crow Wing Soil and Water Conservation District has applied for a grant through the Clean Water Land & Legacy Fund. One of the projects would be removal of buckthorn at Rotary Riverside Park using goats. If the grant is approved, the SWCD would work with Minnesota Native Landscapes who would install fencing for the goats that would be rotated to different areas as needed. Other projects would include working with the Brainerd Rotary Club on the Field of Seeds area.

## **B. Adult State Softball Tournaments**

The Parks and Recreation Department will host three adult Minnesota USA Softball sanctioned state tournaments at Memorial and Mill Avenue parks in 2020. The co-ed tournament will be on August 22, and the women's and master's tournaments will be on August 23. Team gate fees will cover field maintenance wages.

## **C. Pavilion Request with Amplified Music**

Project Rainbow is requesting permission to have amplified music at the Pride Picnic 2020, scheduled from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on June 13 at Gregory Park. Approximately 200 people are expected for the event, which has been held at Lum and Kiwanis parks in past years. Staff noted there has been no issues with the amplified music at past events. Mr. Yeager made a motion to approve the amplified music request for the Project Rainbow event at Gregory Park on June 13. Ms. Schaefer seconded and board approval was unanimous.

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

## **CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

Ms. Jennifer Bergman introduced herself to the Board. There was no report.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- Smooch A Pooch will take place from 11 a.m. to noon on Feb. 15 at Buster Park.
- The annual Valentine's Day skating party will take place from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Feb. 15 at Gregory Park.
- The 12, 13 and 14 & Under state qualifier baseball tournaments have been filled. The 10U and 11U tournaments both have a couple of spots remaining.
- The 2020 Parks annual report was handed out at the meeting.

## **NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday, February 25, 2020, at 4:00 p.m. at the Crow Wing County Courthouse (3<sup>rd</sup> floor) at 326 Laurel Street, Brainerd.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn at 4:27 p.m. was made by Mr. Boeder and seconded by Mr. Rushmeyer. Motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Finch, Administrative Specialist