

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
Meeting was held at the Veteran's Memorial Coliseum, 20 W State Street
Meeting: May 17, 2023

Members Present: Andrew Pool, Jill Herink, Neil Dalal, Steve Storjohann,
Absent: Cindy Brodin, Laurel Degelau, Wynne Brothers

Staff Present: Geoff Hubbard

Approval of Minutes

April minutes were review and recommended for approval by Storjohann, seconded by Pool.

Approved by all.

Parks Update

Bids will be going out soon for Peterson Park for a new 2-5 play structure, concrete work for a ½ size basketball court, 12x12 shelter and sidewalk to new play structure, and construction for a new 12x12 shelter. Staff will be ordering a basketball hoop and soccer goals along with a new park sign. Parks staff will also be putting in the mulch fall surfacing for the new structure and plastic timbers around all the play structures. Plans are to have this completed in late fall.

Staff met with McClure Engineering to design a scope and design for Kiwanis Park. The plan is to replace the basketball hoop, add a pickleball court, foot volleyball court, and full sized soccer field. If funds allow a new 12x12 shelter will be built otherwise the existing one with stay. Staff will be ordering the basketball hoops, soccer goals, volleyball net, and sign for the project. Plans are to have this completed in late fall.

Recreation and Aquatics Update

We are taking registrations for all of our summer programs.

The aquatic center will open June 5 after holding a lifeguarding class June 2-4 to get more lifeguards this summer. So far we are getting few applications turned in from previous staff so need to look at ways to attract new lifeguards for this summer. Several board members suggested ways to incentivize and attract lifeguards through increased wages, bonuses for working all summer or picking up shifts, or referring a friend to become a lifeguard. Staff will work with Human Resources on some options.

Meeting adjourned at 5:11pm

Next meeting is at 4:15pm on June 21, 2023 in the Veterans Memorial Coliseum.