

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PARKS & RECREATION WAS HELD AT 5:30 P.M. JANUARY 21, 2022 AT THE WARC.

PRESENT: Owens, Heller, Axtman, Liffrig, Larson

ABSENT:

OTHERS: Krueger, Floyd, Stillwell, Karlin, Skorick, Shanahan, Egge, Moore, Layton, K Cote, J Cote, Blume, Lynner

Larson called meeting to order.

No correspondence or citizens to be heard.

MOTION by Axtman, SECONDED by Owens, we approve the minutes of the previous meeting as received.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Owens, SECONDED by Axtman, we approve Park Dist. bills and Boys Baseball bills. ROLL CALL AYE: Owens, Heller, Axtman, Liffrig, Larson. NAY: None. ABSENT: None.

#### EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT –

- February 12<sup>th</sup> Mother Daughter Day Event
- Caleb Ehlinger Golf Course Superintendent is moving to Green Bay. Thank you, Caleb, for your 8+ years of service!
- Thanks to the Parks crew for the Christmas décor out at Spring Lake Park and for fixing the issue with the ice rink at the RFCC.
- Raymond Center is very busy this year with youth and adult program participants.
- 7233 cars went through the Holiday Lights Drive. Raised \$18,000+ for charities. Thank you to the CVB for their efforts in providing fun events for the community!
- Hosted 2 swim meets. Shout out to Matt Skorick/Shaleena Layton/Josh Karlin for a job well done and for adding a last minute meet for our local swimmers.
- Child Sitting had over 10,000 visits in 2021.
- Rooftop motor is being fixed as the motor has seized up. Johnson Controls is coming to look at it asap.
- The Aquatics team finished their lifeguard training. Adding more swim lessons. And guard trainings!
- Off Season baseball and fastpitch programs are starting on Sundays.
- Ballin in the Basin is coming up March 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> looking for refs, scorebook/scoreboard volunteers!
- Group Fitness had over 11,800 people attend their classes in 2021!
- New programs: Meal Prep by Michele coming this spring!
- 2022 Challenge has starting with over 220 participants.
- Sales tax was solid last month. Sales Tax Rebate has had \$1.87 million paid back so far from the WPRD General Funds.

- Executive Director Krueger stated that even with the challenges facing WPRD this year (2021) as well as in 2020 due to the pandemic, along with \$595,000 to the Sales Tax Rebate and another \$130,000 to cover the shortage in sales tax to the bond, the Park District again met their mission statement for 2021. Great job to the entire staff (FT & PT) for making that happen! It will not get easier in 2022 with \$932,000 left on the Sales Tax payments. But we will continue to serve our community.
- Executive Director Krueger and staff have met with Eide Bailly to assist us with the financials for November/December and year end. With the passing of Finance Director, John Heise, this past week, staff are doing what they can. Jess Lynner has stepped up to assist in any role possible and doing daily deposits as well as working with Krueger/Eide Bailly. Also contacted Mandan Parks and Recreation to help with some questions and they have offered to help if needed since they also have the Banyon accounting program

OLD BUSINESS –

- a. Airport Property Redevelopment. No update.
- b. Sales Tax Rebate Payments to City. Waiting to hear from the City and Eide Bailly to move forward.

NEW BUSINESS –

- a. Senior Memberships/Health Incentive Programs. Alex Kitchens and Jenn Shanahan did some research with other towns, One Pass, and on other programs such as Silver Sneakers. They are continuing to wait for more information to see if we can become a part of their programs. Would like to see reimbursements, qualifications, etc. In the meantime, 2 classes per week are offered free at the Senior Center and seniors are also offered the incentive program through NICHIA. Lastly, the program “Walk with Ease” is offered for only \$5 for seniors and they do not need a membership to participate. The team is working to find ways to implement any program that will benefit seniors or any community member as well as help the ARC.
- b. Holiday (Policy #440.) Requesting to add Juneteenth as a holiday for staff. MOTION by Owens, SECONDED by Axtman, add Juneteenth as a holiday for staff. ROLL CALL AYE: Owens, Heller, Axtman, Liffrig, Larson. NAY: None. ABSENT: None.
- c. John Heise. President Larson noted the Celebration of Life for John will be held at the ARC on January 23<sup>rd</sup> from 12:00-3:00 p.m. A moment of silence was held for John. He will be missed by all of us and our community. RIP John.

MOTION by Axtman SECONDED by Heller the meeting adjourn.

MOTION CARRIED.

ATTEST: Mackenzie Blume, Director of Communications and Customer Service