

Park and Recreation Minutes

2/12/2024

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kacie Fahey. Present were Kacie Fahey, Tanya Borchardt, Mark Paige, Josh Lindgren, Danny Rubio and Dawn McCracken.

Farmington would like to use the Empire pickleball courts again the summer of 2024. The committee agreed that there was no issue with their usage thus far and they made the recommendation to allow it again.

Park and rec would like to introduce a holiday tree lighting ceremony in 2024. Tree species and placement were discussed. Jerod's recommendation is a Blue Spruce, 15-20 ft. tall, quoted at \$80.00 per foot. Kacie will do some research regarding MN zones and tree species to bring to a future meeting. Location suggestions are close to the city hall sign or across the driveway in the front. Discussed was the landscaping budget, as well as electrical considerations for the lighting of the tree.

Incoming seasonal teams using Stelzel fields will have a \$300.00 maintenance fee. A recommendation was made to charge non-seasonal teams a \$50.00 per event maintenance fee.

Summer entertainment dates for July have been changed to 7/14 and 7/28. The committee reviewed the options for summer entertainment. Confirmed as parties of interest to book are the Baron of Bubbles with the addition of Moon Paints facepainting, the Raptor Center, Barnyard Buddies and the Brass Tax Band. Scheduling and more information will be discussed at future meetings.

The Committee discussed the legalities and options to name our new snowplow in a way that involves the community. Tanya will look into ways to conduct a poll which would allow community members to vote on a name.

The meeting was adjourned.