

## **Park and Rec Meeting Minutes February 22, 2021**

The meeting was called to order by acting Chair Jessica Boelman.

Present were Jessica Boelman, Nicole Bower, Jordan Johnson, Mike Carey, Denise Williamson, and Terry Holmes. The meeting was held via zoom.

Bailey from Flagship Recreation joined us via zoom to discuss options for updates at the Town Hall park regarding the DNR grant. She presented several playground options and will send those designs to Denise via PDF to be sent out to the committee for review. The committee discussed different options they would like in the park, a music element, sensory board, and a variety of equipment. To help find favor with the DNR grant it was discussed to possibly add bird/duck houses around the park and plant native plants. Bailey will be joining the next PR meeting in March to continue further talks about the DNR grant and playground updates.

Discussion was held about updates at the picnic shelter. Due to the structure being wood Flagship would not be able to do anything to the structure. If they would do any work, we would need to have it torn down and replaced with something else. Denise reported that Jeff said the structure is sound with no rotting wood. Some ideas for updates include taking down the walls and making it more open.

Discussion was held regarding Sunday summer entertainment and Empire Celebration. Denise is working on scheduling those events. Dakota County is no longer providing compostable products for events as they no longer meet recycling standards. Mike will contact mining companies; Jordan will contact Dakota Lumber and Castle Rock Bank regarding monetary donations for Celebration. Jessica will reach out to Kwik Trip and Holiday for drink/food donations. Jordan will also reach out to Hyvee for potato salad donation.

Next meeting will be Monday, March 8, 2021 at the Town Hall meeting room.

Submitted by Denise Williamson