

Park and Recreation Minutes

9/26/22

The meeting was called to order by Chair Mike Carey. Present were Mike Carey, Jessica Boelman, Josh Lindgren, Mark Page, Nicole Bower, Dawn McCracken and Eric Hanson.

The Committee reviewed the ballfield rate schedule that was approved in 2018. Dawn will check with Jeff to see how many hours maintenance is putting in on average each week to maintain the fields. Josh will reach out to Burnsville and Apple Valley to see what their current rates are. The goal continues to be breaking even. Dependent on current labor and hours, adjustments may need to be made to the fee schedule for 2023. We will revise this at a future meeting.

The new Town Hall Park Construction will begin on Wednesday, September 28th. They will start with prep and equipment removal this week. A suggestion was made and supported to move the existing swing set to the Public Works building. This would allow those who rent the building for events, to have this available for the kids to play on.

A new logo will be needed as we get closer to becoming the City of Empire! Logo bids is being considered as a creative option. Park and Rec will provide elements we wish to see included in the logo which will be discussed at the October 24th meeting. Dawn will work with the Board to determine an approved budget for this venture. Parks and Rec recommended a budget of \$3,000. Jessica will reach out to DCTC to see if their graphic design program may be interested in taking this on as a contest/project. Additional options will be explored as well.

Holiday Party planning is underway! The girl's hockey team have a game scheduled for that Saturday so they will be unable to help with crafts this year. Dawn will reach out to Hope Church to see if their older age youth group member would be interested in assisting. Dawn has sent an initial beverage inquiry to Blue Nose and is waiting to hear back if they are able to provide the beverages at the party. Jamie Lehmeyer would like to continue providing cookies! Jill is checking her availability for party date to play Mrs. Claus as she would like to return to that role.

Dawn will request folding tables, from maintenance, for the Oct. 10th joint meeting with Farmington. The meeting was adjourned.