

Park and Recreation Minutes

2/13/2023

Chair Mike Carey called the meeting to order. Present were Mike Carey, Mark Page, Kacie Fahey, Nicole Bower, Eric Hanson and Dawn McCracken.

Farmington has requested the availability of our pickleball courts for a summer program, one night a week. The program is anticipated to run 6 weeks. Dawn will invite Missy Kohlbeck, Farmington Recreation Supervisor, to attend our March 13th meeting to provide additional program details.

The developer from Deer Creek, John Winkler, will be joining the Park and Recreation Committee on Monday, February 27th. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss potential park plans within the new development of Deer Creek. Dawn will reach out to Flagship to see if they can provide park mockups to assist the Committee in their decisions.

The Dakota County Soil and Water guide was recently released. In that guide were suggestions of trees that may be well suited for wetlands. There are 25 varieties available to mix and match in bundles of 10 or 25 seedlings. The Park and Recreation Committee will be purchasing 50 trees in total. These will include 12 Swamp White Oak, 12 Hackberry, 12 River Birch, 5 Tamarack Pines, 5 Balsam Fir Pines and 4 Black Chokeberry. The trees will be planted near Empire Park Preserve in late Spring.

The current fees were discussed for our Yoga and Exercise Classes. Currently the Township charges a flat rate monthly fee of \$20.00. A request was made if this could be adjusted to a per class fee as it has been in past years. The Committee decided to continue the current fee schedule of a monthly flat rate. This will ensure programming will remain cost effective and accessible to residents.

The meeting was adjourned.