

The City of Pelican Rapids held its Park Board meeting on Monday, November 30th, 2015 at City Hall 315 N. Broadway.

Meeting was called to order at 8:08 a.m.

Members present: Van Holmgren, Len Zierke and Denise Magnusson. Don Solga was also in attendance.

Approval of minutes: Zierke made the motion to approve September minutes and Solga seconded that motion.

Additions/Deletions: None

Brown Field: The Mayor and athletic director talked to West Central Turkey Plant about creating 2 soccer fields going north and south, running a fence on at least one side to keep cars off of the fields. The Mayor and athletic director suggested a donation of \$45,000. The school and city are in the process of getting an agreement as the school has no ownership of the property. The school could lease the land from the city on a 10 year lease for \$45,000 (the amount of the donation), so the \$45,000 will be done in place of the dollar payment. It's a legal situation because money is to be given to the school, but the city owns the property. At some point we will look for money to build a shelter area in the future.

Camping spaces: still planning on adding a couple more camping spaces.

Pool Committee: we have no idea where pool is at. Denise will talk to Susan.

Development of intercity trail: There is not very much activity going on as we enter the winter season. We did not get funding from the Legacy Grant for the trail going east. Did get scored as a "trail of regional interest" however, so the county will request more funding from the state. MN Department of Transportation has money known as TAP. Transportation Alternative Projects. TAP money may be an eligible use on the Perham side of the project when construction moves on.

In the mean time the county applies for another Legacy Grant.

There still needs to be more work done on the intercity trail that runs from the high school to Lake Region. There has been some discussion about running that trail around the back of Lake Region, but has been put on the "back burner" for now.

Need more discussion on how to get city trail out to Maplewood State Park. The Park would then develop and maintain the trail within the Park.

Skating rinks: have the new system in, but has been too warm to flood.

Next meeting: Monday, February 29th, 2016 at 8:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m. Holmgren made the motion and Zierke seconded the motion.

Recorder: Denise Magnusson