

City of Pelican Rapids Park Board Meeting
Monday July 29th, 2013

The City of Pelican Rapids held it's Park Board meeting on Monday July 29th at 8:00 a.m., at City Hall Council Chambers, City Hall 315 N. Broadway.
Meeting was called to order at 8:08 a.m.

Board members present: Dave Gottenborg, Van Holmgren, Len Zierke, Tara Fitzsimmons, Denise Magnusson. Don Solga and Brian Olson were also in attendance.

Motion to approve June 3rd minutes was made by Magnusson and seconded by Gottenborg.

Additions/Deletions: Bike Trail

Council actions: None

Chair project: Fitzsimmons will look into the possibility of finding someone who may have the talent and interested in updating the painting on the chairs. Magnusson mentioned possibility of storing chairs in the Public Works facility.

Picnic tables: Olson mentioned that the tables are again being damaged, mostly by carving on them.

Swimming pool: There will be a community meeting on Thursday August 1st, 2013 at the Public library at 6:00 p.m. Concerns will be different options of the pool plan and costs, plus a look at the possibility of an indoor pool.
The existing pool attendance is good for this season.

Velo land: Dave talked to them two times, with no response. The next step will be a letter to them from Solga and wait for response.

Veterans Park: There was a concern that it was looking a little "shabby", so Zierke and a few volunteers trimmed some branches. Gottenborg had sprayed for weeds earlier.

Bike Trail: We will try to put in for Legacy Grant again this year. Solga brought up the subject of a possible Pelican to Perham trail. Meeting with Mn.DOT, Perham and State Commissioners. Trail would be from Pelican Rapids to Maplewood Park up #41 and hit #35 and go over to #34. For State bonding we need consultants for bike paths, who will make a feasibility study, determine route and communicate to and with the public. Cost would be \$60,000 to do. Would not get State funding without consult. We will try to get "Friends of Maplewood on board.

MN.DOT, County Commissioners and Perham are on board for this project.

Need to think about a trail head. The Park or further out? Closer to downtown would be best. Holmgren will talk to "Friends of Maplewood Park".

Park Budget: Solga is working on the budget as is Olson. Let Olson know if there are budget concerns for Park before the end of August.

Barbecue Pits: Grefsrud will work on pits and Pergola, hopefully by Oktoberfest.

Motion to adjourn at 8:45 a.m. Next meeting: Monday August 26th, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. Recorder: D.Magnusson