

The City of Pelican Rapids held its Park Board meeting on Monday, September 28th, 2015, at City Hall 315 N. Broadway.

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

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

Approval of August minutes: Magnusson made the motion and Holmgren seconded the motion.

Additions/Deletions: John Gordon/Planning Commission/Park concerns.

Brown Field.

Agenda:

Discussed John Gordon's concerns first. Wondering if there is any Park Board plans to increase sites and electricity to campground. Bikers seem to be using big parking spaces for their tents, that were to park campers as they would like access to electrical outlets for phones, computers, etc. Tents would be better closer to the river campsites. Olson stated that there is 15,000 in next year's budget. We would like to see 3 more electrical sites, which could be reserved. We now have 7 of those sites, and 2 without electricity.

Bath house is not ideal. Olson needs to know if he will have enough power, (confirm with OTP). Electrical issue is in the plans for spring

Swimming Pool: Zierke stated that Fergus Falls reimburses lifeguards for the cost of their training, and would that be a possibility for us? Olson will bring this option to council in November.

Holmgren mentioned to school counselor to put the bug in high school kid's ear about the lifeguard position. Pool had a great group of lifeguards this year. Could use more staff at the pool.

Thompson Park: soil analysis is lacking in a lot of minerals.

Ice skating rink: Purchased another set of boards. Setting up at the end of Oct or Nov. There are no parking problems up there. Skater numbers have been down.

Brown Field: Since last month, the PRHS, Olson, and Solga and 3 organizations are going to City Council on Tues. the 6th about turning it into a complex.(13 teams play in a league on Sun.)

Should be a cooperative effort with the Soccer league, School, City, and perhaps Jennie O. Hopefully, Jennie O would agree to help support this effort with monetary means.

This endeavor could be envisioned as David Brown Soccer Complex and Jenny O Fields?

Zierke motioned, and Holmgren seconded to pursue cooperative efforts for financial means. Concerning signage on Highway 59 for the Soccer field, Olson is working with the State on this.

Next meeting: November 30th, 2015, at 8:00 am.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 am. Magnusson made the motion, seconded by Holmgren.

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Recorder: Denise Magnusson