

The City of Pelican Rapids held its Park Board meeting on Monday, March 31st at City Hall Council Chambers, City Hall 315 N. Broadway.
Meeting was called to order at 8:08 a.m.

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

There were no February minutes to approve as the Park Board had not met for a few meetings.

Addition/Deletions to agenda: None. The January agenda was used as a guideline due to missed meetings.

Council actions since last meeting: None

Park Board term limits: Gottenborg has one more term left, so will need to fill his position at the end of December this year. Everyone else is in their 1st or 2nd year of their 3year term.

Swimming Pool: Susan Strand and Jackie Larson presented concerns about the organization, or lack thereof in support of the local swimming pool. Susan talked to Rotary about getting some funds for the pool.

Ideas such as, what if the city chose to try raise the money itself. Would the city be ready to spend 3million for a pool? There would have to be a vote.

Kim from WCI would like a committee, that we can't seem to provide to build a fundraising campaign with the city. This would provide numbers for the people to see how it would affect taxes, etc., if the city funds the pool.

The Pool Committee has a donor list started. Strand showed Park Board an example of the donor qualification and gift schedule that Kim from WCI provided. A number of 6 to 8 people was decided to be sufficient to meet with him and get the ball rolling.

A Pool Committee meeting is set for an a.m. In April. These would be the people that will help Kim. In the meantime Solga will work on per household cost if city funded the pool.

Pergola: Gottenborg talked to Karl Grefsrud about adding more crossmembers for added shade.

Snowmobile Bridge: DNR is ok with what we are doing with the bridge, as long as the hydrologist gives her ok.

Bike Trail: there is some trouble with Dora Township. The Committee will be meeting before too long.

Velo Land: never get a response for a sale, so City will bill for maintaining the property.

Motion to adjourn was made by Zierke and seconded by Magnusson. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

Next meeting will be held April 28th at 8:00 a.m.

Recorder: Denise Magnusson