

Park Board Minutes August 24, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM. Those present were Kate, Judi, Brian, Van, and Amy

The agenda was approved  
Last months minutes were approved

Kate and Amy gave an update on new pool progress. Things slowed down due to covid although they continue to move along slowly. There have been some donations from alumni.

The Minnesota Woman celebration was discussed. Kate had received an e-mail from Andrew Johnson regarding the kayak/canoe race to be held the same weekend. The park board decided unanimously that we did not want to be involved with this celebration as it is not really park related.

Trailhead was discussed. Kate stated that the council wanted the trailhead to be spread over the Midway area, Veterans Park West, Veterans Park, and Senior Citizen area. Kate did talk to the board of the Senior Citizens regarding using their bathrooms for the trailhead. They are opposed to this. We discussed alternative of starting with a porta potty as the center is only open for 4 hours a day, 5 days a week. Also discussed where would be the best location for a repair station. The park board had hoped to have this at the Midway location as future goals would be to be able to use this area as a place to launch canoes and kayaks as well as a trail head for bicycle users. Plans were tabled for the time being.

Brian gave an update on the use of the pool. 56 kids took swimming lessons. There were 4 sessions. There were 1118 patrons through the season. Hopefully the pool renovations will hold for next season.

Turkey Roasters were discussed again. The placement of them takes away valuable real estate for the playground. Additionally, if you are sitting under the shelter you cannot see your children on the playground. The kids climb on them making them dangerous. The park board was denied a grant for equipment this spring due to them being there as well as not having enough space for playground. The rotary did vote previously to remove them as they are in need of repair anyway. The current rotary president is opposed to the removal so it is under discussion again. Kate and Amy are in the process for applying for a different grant from Game Time. The equipment would be suitable for children ages 5-12. Hopefully the rotary will agree to move the roasters from the playground.

Next meeting was set for September 28, 2020 at 4:00 PM. It will be held in the picnic shelter at Peterson Park.

Meeting was ajourned.

submitted by Judith Engebretson, recorder.