

**PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 15, 2024**

Chairman John Lavallee called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm. Board members present: Chairman John Lavallee, Alderwoman Lisa Haderlein, Alderwoman Lori Lancaster, Alderwoman Rosa Luna and Scott Logan. Pep Saucedo was absent. Also present were Mayor Kelly and City Administrator Lou Leone.

Public Comment

None

Approval of Minutes – March 18, 2024

A motion was made by Scott Logan, seconded by Alderwoman Lancaster to accept the Park Board Minutes of March 18, 2024, as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes – April 4, 2024

A motion was made by Alderwoman Haderlein, seconded by Scott Logan to accept the Special Park Board Minutes of April 4, 2024, as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Harvard OCTAVE Fee Waiver Request

Harvard OCTAVE is essentially the former Harvard Community Band which is under new leadership. A motion was made by Scott Logan, seconded by Alderwoman Lancaster to recommend to the City Council approval of a fee waiver for Harvard OCTAVE. They will be using the Lion's Park Large Shelter on July 20th, 2024. All ayes. Motion carried. The recommendation will go before the City Council on April 23rd at 7 pm.

Healing Hearts with Hooves & Hounds Request to use Milky Way Park on June 29, 2024, for a Car Show/Craft Vendor Fair

Mark Schuring was in attendance on behalf of Healing Hearts with Hooves & Hounds who is requesting use of Milky Way Park on June 29th, 2024, for a Car Show/Craft Fair. The organization received a Three-Year Fee Waiver last year. Mark outlined their request to use the grass to park vehicles and then have people walk on the gravel. John Stricker will need power for his food truck. There are external outlets to plug into which is probably sufficient for the DJ; John Stricker may need more than 120V which will require an electrician to hard wire their food truck. Mark will contact an electrician. Blue Ribbon typically has done this in the past, but Mark is not required to use them. A motion was made by Scott Logan, seconded by Alderwoman Luna to recommend to the City Council to approve the request as presented. All ayes. Motion carried. The recommendation will go before the City Council on April 23rd at 7 pm.

Jefferson School Request for Free Pool Passes for Family Fun Night

Jefferson School is requesting free pool passes for Family Fun Night. A motion was made by Scott Logan, seconded by Alderwoman Haderlein to recommend to the City Council to donate 10 kids daily pool passes (approximately \$70) to Jefferson School. All ayes. Motion carried. The recommendation will go before the City Council on April 23rd at 7 pm.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Kelly reported that all the interviews have been completed for the Parks & Rec Supt. position. An offer was made and accepted with the candidate slated to start June 3rd; the name will be announced once they have notified their employer. The Mayor is excited about the possibilities this year as far as programming and the soccer tournament.

Parks & Rec Report

Lou expounded on the Parks & Rec Supt. Report.

Scott requested that Lou reach out to the HFPD before putting the 2022 Ford Truck up for auction as they are looking to purchase a truck.

New Business

Lou highlighted the Parks Budget Update as provided by Finance Director Debi Bejot.

Scott Logan invited the Board to come out to the Harvard Parks Foundation Scoopie Fundraiser at Culvers on Wednesday, April 17th from 5-8 pm.

Lou reported that he has been reaching out to various organizations on the design plan with the OSLAD grant for the southside of Milky Way Park which has received a lot of positive feedback.

The next regular meeting date is May 20th, 2024 @ 6 pm.

At 6:22 pm, a motion was made by Scott Logan, seconded by Alderman Lavallee to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by:
Chairman John Lavallee