

July 17, 2024

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SIOUX FALLS PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD was held on Wednesday, July 17, 2024, at 4 p.m. at the Mary Jo Wegner Arboretum

**Roll Call and Determination of Quorum**

Members present: Jim Stavenger, Rick Weber, Teresa Cauwels, Mike Begeman, Justin Smith & Mick Conlin

Members absent: Brooke Wegener

Parks and Recreation staff present: Don Kearney, Director; Brett Kollars, Assistant Director, Jackie Nelson, Recreation Manager

Others Present: Catherine Schlimgen, City Attorney's Office; Mike Cooper, Mary Jo Wegener Arboretum, Kelo News Representative

**Approval of Minutes (June 26, 2024)**

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Stavenger and seconded by Smith. Motion passed unanimously with all present Board members voting yes.

**Public Input**

None.

**Unfinished Business**

None.

**New Business**

**An Ordinance of the City of Sioux Falls, SD, Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City by Revising Chapter 95: Parks and Recreation Subchapter Fees:** A motion to recommend approval of the Chapter 95: Parks and Recreation Subchapter Fees Ordinance Amendment (95.070, 95.071) as presented and amended to keep foster children in the definition of the term "Family" was made by Conlin and seconded by Weber. Motion passed unanimously with all present Board members voting yes.

**Report of Director of Parks and Recreation:**

Kearney started his report by stating the new skate park had a great grand opening and that he believes between the ribbon cutting and the grand opening the skate park has likely gathered the highest attendance for similar events. Kearney mentioned the Midco® Aquatic Center locker room expansion is underway. The expansion will cause some limited facility disruption, however, will be beneficial providing bigger and better locker rooms. Kearney also acknowledged and thanked Jennifer and Joe Kirby for providing the donation to help make the renovation happen. Next, Kearney expressed that the recreation team is knocking it out of the park with swimming lessons to support the community as numbers have increased. Kearney then noted the ever-popular Hydrant Parties are back in the parks. In partnership with the SFPD, SFFR, Health Department, and Siouxland libraries he mentioned these are great events and encouraged Park Board members to attend if available. Kearney mentioned that city leadership has been meeting with Sanford Wellness employees and that the meetings have gone well. The team is currently in the process of ramping up next steps such as IT and communication needs. Kearney noted trail seal coating was delayed due to flooding.

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Kearney shared as an FYI, should park board members receive questions, that there is lighting on the skate park. The lighting turns on 30 minutes before sunset and turns off at 10pm. Next, Kearney mentioned that A.M. Art Conservators reported their Delbridge findings to the working group. Kearney expressed that no landslide new information was shared but rather a lot of the same information from a different perspective. Next steps will be to develop an RFP to request interest from other non-profits across the country and circulate for interest. Finally, Kearney responded to a question from Stavanger regarding the Elmwood Clubhouse. Kearney responded that we received bids in late June, and they came in better than the first time we bid the project. The Council deferred the bid award as they are interested in learning more about the funding sources to support the award.


**Items Added After the Agenda Deadline**

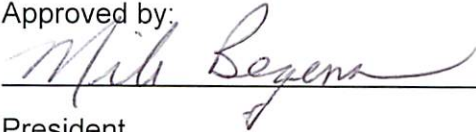
None.

**Reading of Communications to the Board**

None.

There being no further business, Smith made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.

  
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Secretary

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President