

September 18, 2024

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SIOUX FALLS PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD was held on Wednesday, September 18, 2024, at 4 p.m. at Great Bear

**Roll Call and Determination of Quorum**

Members present: Jim Stavenger, Rick Weber, Teresa Cauwels, Mike Begeman, Justin Smith, Brooke Wegener & Mick Conlin (arrived at 4:08pm)

Members absent: none.

Parks and Recreation staff present: Brett Kollars, Assistant Director, Mackenzie Songstad, City Services Technician

Others Present: Catherine Schlimgen, City Attorney's Office; Dan Grider, Great Bear; Steven Sanford, Great Bear Management, Inc; Mike Cooper, Mary Jo Wegner Arboretum.

**Approval of Minutes (August 21, 2024)**

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

**Public Input**

None.

**Unfinished Business**

None.

**New Business**

**Great Bear Annual Report:** A motion to accept the Great Bear Annual Report was made by Cauwels and seconded by Wegener. Motion passed unanimously with all present Board members voting yes.

**Management Agreement for Operation of the Mary Jo Wegner Arboretum and East Sioux Falls Historic Site:** A motion to recommend approval of the Management Agreement for Operation of the Mary Jo Wegner Arboretum and East Sioux Falls Historic Site was made by Smith and seconded by Cauwels. Motion passed unanimously with all present Board members voting yes.

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

Don Kearney started his report stating that a Delbridge working group held a meeting on Friday, September 13, 2024, they are seeking request for qualification and expression of interest from museums, non- profits and other qualified entities. Applications will be available starting Friday, September 20, 2024, with a deadline of December 12, 2024. Kearney mentioned that Teresea Cauwels has been appointed by the Mayor to serve on the southern Sioux Falls aquatics committee. The first meeting is scheduled for kick off on October 2, 2024. Kearney encouraged board members to talk with neighbors and citizens about having a plan for removal of ash trees on private property. Kearney noted that the golf courses are doing very well and having a great year. Kearney stated Elmwood Club House is under construction, excavation on the club house has started and footings could be poured next week. Kearney noted that next week, they will start on excavation of the First Tee program and cart storage building. Finally, Kearney

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mentioned that the team is gearing up for the Westside Wellness Center operations. They are working on hiring full time staff and IT transitions.

**Items Added After the Agenda Deadline**

None.

**Reading of Communications to the Board**

None.

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

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Secretary

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President