

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SIOUX FALLS PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD was held on Wednesday, June 26, 2024, at 4 p.m. at City Hall in the Media Room

**Roll Call and Determination of Quorum**

Members present: Jim Stavenger, Rick Weber, Brooke Wegener, Mike Begeman, Justin Smith & Mick Conlin

Members absent: Teresa Cauwels.

Parks and Recreation staff present: Don Kearney, Director; Jackie Nelson, Recreation Manager; Tyler Landry, Park Development Specialist; Mackenzie Songstad, City Services Technician

Others Present: Karen Leonard, City Attorney's Office; Catherine Schlimgen, City Attorney's Office; Sara Cole, City of Sioux Falls Councilor; Becky Dewitz, Great Plains Zoo CEO; Greg Neitzert, citizen

**Approval of Minutes (May 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**

Greg Neitzert spoke about e-bikes on the recreational trail.

**Unfinished Business**

None.

**New Business**

**Chapter 90: Zoo Bees- Ordinance Amendment:** A motion to recommend approval of the Chapter 90: Zoo Bees- Ordinance Amendment was made by Wegener and seconded by Conlin. Motion passed unanimously with all present Board members voting yes.

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

Kearney started his report by stating the Parks and Recreation team is currently out cleaning up parks following recent flooding. Kearney mentioned that a third party will inspect the bridges as there has been some erosion around bridge abutments. Once the bridges have passed inspection, they will be re-opened. Kearney mentioned that there will be some time and expense that goes into reopening the parks. Kearney noted it will be another two-three weeks before parks are back to normal operations. Kearney expressed appreciation for the crews and the work they are doing in the parks. Kearney responded to a question from Stavenger regarding water rescues at Falls Park. Kearney responded that there have been a few rescues, but no serious injuries reported. Kearney noted that the Elmwood Club House will be rebid on June 27, 2024. The plan is to over- excavate the old soil that is contaminated with garbage and replace it with clean soil. Kearney noted that May was a better month for golf than expected despite the weather. Kearney mentioned that there were good bids on the Arrowhead House renovation. The Arrowhead house will be used for Parks and Recreation programming. It will also provide opportunities for people to rent the space like they do the Tuthill house. Kearney noted that the city council has approved the purchase of the west-side wellness center. The city is expected to

take over on January 1, 2025. Kearney mentioned they are currently working on professional services contracts for Frank Olson and Kuehn Park pool replacements. Kearney noted that Brooke and Mick have been participating in working groups to establish fees for the recreation center and west side wellness center. Kearney is hopefully to bring the fees forward to Park board and City Council in July and August. Finally, Kearney responded to a question from Stavanger regarding the Delbridge collection. Kearney responded that they are working on setting up the next meeting with the Delbridge working group. Kearney anticipates they will have various options to consider with regards to what will happen to the collection. Kearney anticipates a new meeting with the Delbridge working group in July.

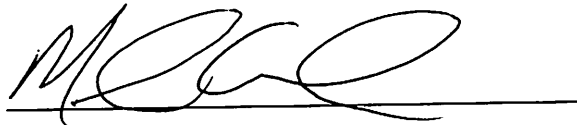
**Items Added After the Agenda Deadline**

None.

**Reading of Communications to the Board**

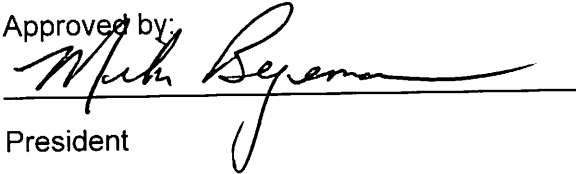
None.

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



Secretary

Approved by:



President