

Rochester City Park Board

Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2024

Attendees:

President/Secretary Alex Berlin (AB), Vice President Mitch Hayes (MH), Ed Richard (ER), Kim Landis (KL), Mayor Trent Odell, Clerk/Treasurer Beth Stocking

AB called meeting to order at 6 PM.

Pledge

KL moves to approve minutes from last meeting, MH seconded, all approved

Golf Course- Lee Cutting not present

Paint done

Golf Course- Anthony Johnson not present

Parks- Duane Border

Still waiting on quotes for maintenance building.

Bathrooms are being opened up

Splashpad will be opened up mid April

Rubber Mulch for Manitou Mountain will be installed mid April

Jaycee Park backboards will be installed by end of April

Duane got 3 quotes to purchase a John Deere Gator utility vehicle for the parks. The best bid was for \$9,739.29 and the unit is available almost immediately. KL Motioned to approve purchase out of the parks equipment 1515 budget. ER seconded. All approved.

Beach Project

Lakeside beach

Moose beach

Pool- Duane Border

Water is on, bathroom is open, and power washing of pool will happen soon.

Lori Simpson presented on her experience and willingness to provide swim lessons at the city pool . She shared rate information from past experiences and suggested rates of:

- \$100 for 6 30 minute private lessons
- \$60 per child for 8 45 minute group lessons with up to 16 kids. Kids will be grouped mainly by age but also by skill level

We will need to have 5-6 of our current lifeguards also interested to help. Lessons will most likely be 9:30 am and 6:00 pm in July. KL motioned to hire Lori Simpson to provide swim lessons at the rates above. Lori will be a city employee and be paid at \$15 per hour. All lifeguards who participate will be paid their normal hourly rate plus \$2 an hour during the lessons. MH Seconded, All approved

Summer Parks Program- Lindsay Barts- Director

Parks program will run June 10 to June 28.

Currently have around 75 kids enrolled but we are missing the required number of leaders. We need 10-12 more leaders and Lindsay will work to get those spots filled in the next month or we may have to change the program. NICF did award a grant as requested. The Fulton County parks department has provided a few opportunities during the program as well.

Got the grant

5 Year plan

Mitch Hansel of USI Consultants spoke on their ability to provide a 5 year parks plan. They have previous experience in this area and have helped other parks get a 50/50 DNR grant for up to a half million dollars for construction beginning in 2026. Mitch believes a plan will take a minimum of 3 months but more than likely 4 to 5 months to develop.

Miscellaneous

Police in the Park- Police Chief Shotts is organizing a meet and greet for the City Police Department at the City Park Big Pavilion on June 22nd from 4 to 6 pm. KL Motioned to waive the fees for this event, ER seconded, all approved

Communication and presentation. It was discussed that due to the amount of work going on at the parks and the upcoming intention to develop a 5 year plan, the parks board needs an additional monthly meeting. From now until further notice the parks board will meet on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 12:00 pm at the Rochester city building, in addition to the current standing meeting. Also, we will be taking proposals from marketing companies interested in managing the parks board social media and websites.

Lindsay Barts is requesting use of the City Park on behalf of Roots Yoga for Yoga in the Park as has been approved in previous years. KL motioned to allow dependent on Roots Yoga providing proof of insurance. ER seconded, all approved.

Lindsay Barts is requesting use of the City Park on July 28th for a movie in the park night. The event is meant to raise awareness for child literacy. All movie equipment will be provided by the organizing group. KL motioned to allow, ER seconded, All approved.

MH moves to adjourn. ER seconded All approved.

Next meeting is Wednesday April 24th at 12 PM at City Hall. Following meeting is May 13th, 2024 at 6 PM at City Hall