



MINUTES

Parks and Rec Committee

5:00 PM - Monday, September 18, 2023

1015 Hillside Ave SW, Ste 2, Pine City, MN 55063

The City of Pine City Council met in Parks and Rec Committee on Monday, September 18, 2023 at 5:00 PM in the 1015 Hillside Ave SW, Ste 2, Pine City, MN 55063.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Called to order by Councilor Gina Pettie at 5:00 PM

2. ROLL CALL

In attendance - Council Member Gina Pettie, Julie Samuelson, Becky Schueller, Nate Johnson.

Absent: Mayor Carl Pederson, Steve Roubinek and Almon Rydberg

Staff in attendance - Parks & Public Buildings Manager Brock Bloomquist, City Administrator Scott Hildebrand, and Administrative Assistant Tabitha Pickett

3. OPEN FORUM

This is an opportunity for citizens to present items to the Committee that are not on the agenda. Each presentation is limited to three (3) minutes and a maximum of fifteen minutes is set aside. If your item needs follow-up from the Committee, Staff will arrange for that.

4. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.1.

Pettie asked for a motion to approve August 14, 2023 meeting minutes, motioned by Samuelson, second by Schueller. Motion carried.

6. OLD BUSINESS

6.1. DOG PARK UPDATE

Bloomquist stated that the perimeter fence was in and that he still needed to add a post and spigot. He also provided a sign for the "rules" of the dog park with a price of \$100 a sign. Schueller asked that he check with the local sign maker to see if they could match the \$100 price and the Committee agreed. They said if the local sign maker can't match that price, to proceed with the ones he found.

6.2. SIGNAGE UPDATE

The Hilltop Recreation Park is installed. It is in the place of the other Pine City sign. The Pine City School Superintendent approved Bloomquist to put the new Welcome to Pine City sign on their property just South of the High School.

6.3. WEST SIDE PARK & BEACH UPDATE

The pavilions are reroofed and completed.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1. WEST SIDE PARK & BEACH BATHROOM PRESENTATION

Bloomquist presented what needs to be done with the bathrooms. He showed that the cracking and sinking foundation is only going to get worse. He has obtained a few bids for repair of current building and a few bids for a new building. He recommended to the Committee that a new building is needed as the repairs are going to cost close to the same amount. He recommended that the current roof could be used at the dog park for the pavilion and would save money there. The estimate for a new building is roughly \$65,000 and can be presented to Council to use leftover ARPA funds from Hilltop Park or CIP funds for this repair. Bloomquist also stated that this is the only bathroom that is monitored and cleaned hourly as it is only open when the lifeguards are there. The Committee agreed and it's going to the Council meeting on Thursday September 21, 2023.

7.2. HILLTOP STORAGE UPDATE

Pine City Youth Hockey asked for shelving be put in place to help keep the warming house cleaner and Bloomquist added shelving. The Committee really liked it.

7.3. MOVIE IN THE PARK DISCUSSION

Bloomquist is trying to plan another Movie in the park. He was in contact with the School Superintendent and confirmed it can be done on the football field on Monday of Homecoming week. He asked the Committee for recommendations on what movie to play.

8. COMMITTEE CONCERNS

The hanging pots by Robinson Park was brought to attention. The Committee agreed that there is still learning to be done and will get it right hopefully next year.

Johnson asked for the Mission Statement for the Parks and Rec Committee.

Samuelson asked Pettie to bring what she has to the next meeting and the Committee spend 15 minutes working on it.

9. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Schueller, second by Samuelson. Motion carried.

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Mayor