

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2019**

The meeting of the Parks & Recreation Committee was called to order at 7:00 PM on December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at the Youth Club.

Members Present: Kevin Schmidt, Ann Kirchman, Sara Olejniczak, and Erika Berger.

Members Excused: Mitch Grossel and Paula Weise

Also Present: Sara Robertson

Moved by Kirchman, second by Olejniczak to approve agenda.

Moved by Kirkman, second by Olejniczak to approve November minutes.

Moved by Olejniczak, second by Kirchman to approve bills.

Public Comment: No Public Comment

Old Business:

- Rentals: Youth Club-2, Knudson Hall: 1

Parks Report:

- Programming Update:
  - Held Winter Potting Class, Santa at the Club and Community Christmas Caroling.
  - Working with UW-Extension on a class for senior citizens called Strong Bodies.
  - Starting to plan the Saturday Morning Program held in February.
- Community Building Update:
  - Minor repairs were done in the community building to fix several leaks.
  - Knudson Hall carpets were cleaned. Got an estimate to have benches in the gym cleaned but the estimate was too high. City staff will continue to clean within house.
  - Mike is working on switching out LED light fixtures so that they will all be the same in the YC.
- Parks Update:
  - Happy to report that there have been no outages at the Park of Lights this year because of the switch to LED lights. We'd like to thank the sponsors for their support of this project.
  - We have started to flood the ice rink. It should skateable in the next few days but there will be cones and tape set up where the ice hasn't formed yet on the edges. The drain seems to be leaking so we will have to close it after the New Year to reseal the drain for a few days. We will post closures on our Facebook page.
- Crescent Beach Update:
  - Construction bids are still planned to proceed after the holidays.

New Business:

- Committee talked about the possibility of charging a launch fee at Olson Park. Robertson and Matt Murphy discussed which department would oversee this issue. It was determined that if there was a fee or donation box, the revenues should stay in Olson Park for improvements. Committee will continue discussion in next meeting.
- Robertson informed the committee that there were discussions with other City Managers at the Department Head meeting about the driftwood structures on the beach. It was decided that if the structures are still standing in the spring, due to maintenance and debris clean up, all driftwood will be removed. It was also decided that because of liability and safety concerns, the City will not permit bonfires by individuals or community events to dispose of the structures. Committee was in agreement that all structures on the beach are temporary.

Next Meeting Date:

- January 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm at the Youth Club.

Motion by Olejniczak, second by Kirchman to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.