

December 18, 2024

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SIOUX FALLS PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD was held on Wednesday, December 18, 2024, at 4 p.m. at Falls Overlook Café

**Roll Call and Determination of Quorum**

Members present: Jim Stavenger, Teresa Cauwels, Mike Begeman, Mick Conlin & Pam Hanneman

Members absent: Brooke Wegener & Justin Smith.

Parks and Recreation staff present: Brett Kollars, Assistant Director; Josh Johnson, Parks Operations Manager; Mackenzie Songstad, City Services Technician

Others Present: Catherine Schlimgen, City Attorney's Office; Karen Leonard, City Attorney's Office; Matt Walz, Sioux Falls Resident; Cathy Brechtelsbauer, Sioux Falls Resident

**Approval of Minutes (October 30, 2024)**

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

**Public Input**

Cathy Brechtelsbauer spoke about concerns regarding fees.

Matt Walz spoke about concerns regarding pool fees.

**Unfinished Business**

None.

**New Business**

**2025 Policies and Guidelines:** The 2025 Policies and Guidelines was presented for approval. After discussion, a motion was made by Mick Conlin to amend the Section entitled "Use of Signs Advertising Special Events in Parks per Section 160.574 of the Code of Ordinances" on page 46, subparagraph 4 by adding the phrase, "for shelter reservations" after "event" but before "and must be removed immediately following the event." The amendment was unanimously approved. A motion to approve the 2025 Policies and Guidelines, as amended was made by Cauwels and seconded by Conlin. Motion passed unanimously with all present Board members voting yes.

**Election of Park and Recreation Board Officers:**

A motion to approve the Election of Park and Recreation Board Officers was made by Stavenger and seconded by Hanneman. Motion passed unanimously with all present Board members voting yes.

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

Kearney started his report by thanking Josh Johnson and his team for the wonderful work they have done with Winter Wonderland at Falls Park. Kearney noted that there was a Delbridge working group meeting today and the working group recommend surplusing 117 of those items to the University of Notre Dame with the balance going to other interested institutions. Mick Conlin added that the collection would be a great addition to Notre Dame as they are expanding their current museum. Kearney mentioned that ice rinks are not yet open but hopeful they will be opened by the beginning of the new year. Kearney noted the Levitt has achieved their funding

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raising goal for the expansion for the Levitt Shell. Construction is estimated to start in the fall of 2025. Kearney mentioned that Jacobson Plaza is getting ready to build out the warming house and event space. Kearney stated that City Council has approved the recreation plan for both Frank Olson and the Westside Recreation Center. The aquatics and recreation bond scheduled to go to City Council January 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. Kearney mentioned that the Westside Recreation is set to open on January 2, 2025. Currently they are doing cosmetic improvements such as painting, lighting and carpet. Kearney responded to a question from Stavenger regarding bond money. City council does not want to include the \$9 million that was used to purchase the Westside Recreation Center. Kearney responded to a question from Cauwels regarding Jacobson Plaza opening date. Due to construction delays and cold weather, the final pours were not completed based on the recommendation of our ice consultant. Kearney responded to a question from Cauwels regarding the Midco Locker rooms. By the end of the year the women's locker room should be open. The men's locker room should be functionable by the large first swim meet based on the most recent progress meeting. Kearney mentioned that golf courses had an outstanding year. Kearney noted Great Bear is open for the winter season. Kearney mentioned that the Elmwood Clubhouse construction is on schedule with an October 2025 completion date. Finally, Kearney thanked the Recreation, Finance, IT, Legal along with several of the city teams for their work in getting the Westside Recreation Center ready to open.

**Items Added After the Agenda Deadline**

None.

**Reading of Communications to the Board**

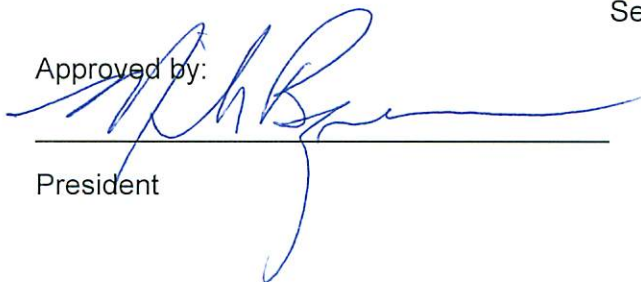
None.

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



Secretary

Approved by:



President