

A Regular Meeting of the RPAC was held on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 5:00 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers with Cormack Dunning presiding. Advisory Members present: Jones, Dunning, Snow, Wilke, Steiger. Absent: None. TJ Heinrich, Alyssa Pink, Benjamin Rohloff, John Favolise and Allison Watkins were also present.

**Meeting called to order by Chair Dunning**

**Motion** by Member Snow, seconded by Member Jones approving the agenda. Voting in favor: Jones, Wilke, Snow, Steiger and Dunning. Members Voting no: None. Motion carried.

**Motion** by Member Jones, seconded by Member Snow approving the minutes. Voting in favor: Jones, Wilke, Snow, Steiger and Dunning. Members Voting no: None. Motion carried.

**Presentations/Public Comment:** None.

**Reports**

**Alyssa Pink, Recreation Coordinator, Recreation Program and Community Center Reports**

Community Center

- Knockerball program ran with 8 participants, Le Sueur County News published a story about it.
- March Cardio Challenge received 80 registrations.
- Planning summer programs and creating brochure with new look.
- New fitness class was implemented.
- Staff is gathering ideas for Community Center hallway decoration.

**TJ Heinrich, RPAC Liaison, Street and Parks Report**

**Community Center Arena:**

- Planned ice removal will be after March 17, 2019

**River Park:**

- If weather & terrain conditions allow trail areas might be cleared yet this Spring

**Outdoor Ice Rink.**

- Outdoor rink is closed for the season.

**Trails:**

- Developing a work plan for a Master trail & open space plan for the City.
  - Researching engineering firms for development
  - Researching possible grant funds to offset the development cost.
  - Possible presentation for public meetings & City Council.
- Funding for a shelter at the Dog Park will be explored in the future.

**Arbor Day:**

- Developed a list of trees for sale starting in April
- Working with area Elementary schools on a 2019 Arbor Day program.

**New Business:**

- A) Community Center Signage – Staff is looking into different vendors for electronic sign, cost and place is still to be determined. **Motion** by Chair Dunning: Direct staff to investigate sponsorships, cost, and designs for signage.
- B) Community Center operation cost & revenues. – Staff requests more time to complete a cost and revenues report.

**Old Business:**

- A) Future Park trails – Staff estimates \$25,000 to get trail master space done. A \$5000 SHIP grant is possible for this project. Community input for this project via meetings and polls would be valuable. Chair Dunning formally requests large topical map for next meeting, and trails cost estimate.
- B) RPAC 2019 Calendar – Staff asks for input from the board in terms of long-term goals. Recycling container project will be put in place during the summer.
- C) Arbor Day Update – Tree Sale advertising is going out on social media, volunteer groups will be planting some trees, trees will be sold at cost. Elementary school is open to changing the location for Arbor day.

Thoughts & Ideas for upcoming meetings.

- Consider master plan on plants and shrubs used in the parks.
- Reach out to Audubon Society to help bring birds to community.
- Focus on re-purposing horse shoe pit.

**Next meeting will be Tuesday April 2nd @ 5:00pm, City Hall**

**Motion** by Member Wilke, seconded by Member Snow for adjournment. Voting in favor: Jones, Wilke, Snow, Steiger and Dunning. Members Voting no: None. Motion carried.