



**RECREATION AND PARKS
ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA
Tuesday, August 8, 2023
The Loft, Community Center
5:00 P.M.**

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes from July 11, 2023 meeting
4. Presentation(s) / Public Comment
5. Reports:
 - A. Parks
 - B. Community Center & Recreation
6. New Business
 - A. Camping
7. Old Business
8. Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.
9. Future Agenda Items
10. Adjourn



The Regular Meeting of RPAC was held on Tuesday, July 11, 2023, at 5:00PM

RPAC Members present: B Raduenz, R Wilke, R Goggin, M Huntington, T Mercier

Advisory Members present: Rich Kucera, Scott Schroeder **Aficionado:** P Williams

Meeting called to order by Chair R Goggin at 5:00 PM.

Approval of Agenda:

- Motion by R Wilke to approve the agenda as presented and seconded by B Raduenz
- Voting in favor: All Members
- Voting no: None
- Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

- Motion by R Wilke to approve the June 6, 2023 minutes and seconded by B Raduenz.
- Voting in favor: All Members
- Voting no: None
- Motion carried.

Presentation/Public Comment:

Reports:

A. Parks:

- S Schroeder gave an update on the Parks.

B. Community Center and Recreation:

- S Schroeder gave an update on recreation programs and the Community Center, discussed future potential offerings of programs, and gave a quarterly update on memberships.

New Business:

Old Business:

A. DNR EAB Grant

- Schroeder discussed that the City was not awarded the DNR EAB Grant. Schroeder talked about the EAB removal phases and the future of EAB grant application.

B. DNR Recreation Grant

- Schroeder discussed the City not getting awarded the DNR Recreation Grant. Schroeder talked about the future of this grant. Goggins asked if RPAC could be more involved in the future with the grants. For 2024 it



was briefly discussed to apply for the trails within Legion park.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, August 8, 2023 @ 5:00PM at Loft, Community Center

Items for upcoming meetings:

Adjournment:

- Motion by R Wilke and seconded by B Raduenz to adjourn.
- Voting in favor: All Members
- Voting no: None
- Meeting adjourned.



CITY OF LE SUEUR
RPAC UPDATE

TO: RPAC Chair and Board

FROM: Joe Roby, City Administrator
Joel Schmidt, Public Works Manager

SUBJECT: Park Staff Report

DATE: Park updates Tuesday, August 8, 2023

PURPOSE

Park status updates.

Park Status:

- **American Legion:**
 - Weekly trash removal and maintenance.
 - Giant Days 2023 recap

- **Cedar Ridge Trails:**
 - Weekly trash removal and maintenance.
 - Staff paved an area at trailhead for maintenance vehicles to prevent damaging turf

- **Jo Eagle Anderson:**
 - Weekly trash removal and maintenance.
 - Installed bench near the bench installed last summer
 - Lions donated an American flag and pole. Along with working with the city on creating a pollinator garden. City agreed to water the newly planted pollinator garden until it's established.

- **Le Sueur Dog Park:**
 - Weekly trash removal and maintenance.

- **Mayo:**
 - Weekly trash removal and maintenance.

- **Mothers Louise:**
 - Weekly trash removal and maintenance.

- **Pierre Le Sueur:**
 - Weekly trash removal and maintenance.
 - Staff put new mulch down in the park.

- **River:**
 - Weekly trash removal and maintenance.
 - Installed bench and clear trees near boat landing.

Community Garden:

- Nothing to report

Park Reservations: Staff continues taking reservations for American Legion, Jo Eagle Anderson, and Mayo Park shelters for the 2023 season.

ACTION REQUESTED

Recognize & accept this month's report from staff.



CITY OF LE SUEUR
REQUEST FOR RPAC ACTION

TO: RPAC Chair and Board
FROM: Allison Watkins, Recreation Manager
SUBJECT: Recreation & Programming Report
DATE: For the RPAC Meeting of Tuesday, August 8, 2023

PURPOSE

To provide the RPAC Committee information to have a continued discussion regarding Le Sueur Community Center services.

SUMMARY

Aqua Valley Outdoor Pool

The pool will close on August 13. The Annual dog swim will be held on August 17. Staff will report on total season numbers during the September meeting.

Ice Arena

Summer ice ended July 30. This was the first year the association and the city collaborated efforts and ran summer ice together. More ice time was used with less staff time hours with this program design. The season ran smoothly, and the association used 193.75 hours of ice. The association is planning summer ice again for 2024.

Programs

Staff is preparing for the Giant Day 5k/ celebration and the end of the summer season.

- Swim lesson numbers were up 26 participants from 2022
- Summer football camp is down by 16 participants
- Fall programs are still open – total numbers will be reported at the September meeting

Projects

ACTION REQUESTED

Recognize & accept this month's report from Le Sueur Recreation staff.



CITY OF LE SUEUR
REQUEST FOR RPAC ACTION

TO: RPAC Chair and Board
FROM: Allison Watkins, Recreation Manager
SUBJECT: Camping at River Park
DATE: For the RPAC Meeting of Tuesday, August 8, 2023

PURPOSE

To provide the RPAC Committee information to have a continued discussion regarding Le Sueur Community Center services.

SUMMARY

Staff is exploring preliminary ideas for camping at River Park. Staff could determine the number of sites, size, and any amenities such as fire ring and/or benches that could be provided. Reservations could run through the community center like pavilion reservations. Reservations then would be approved and contact info such as license plate numbers would be provided to PD.

Possible Rules/ policies for camping (all rules/policies open for discussion with RPAC)

- Reservations required
- 2-night max stay
- Campsite occupancy is limited to one group of 4 people or less, one tent, and one vehicle
- Arrival and departure on time
- Leashed pets are permitted and must not disturb neighboring campsites
- Quiet hours 10pm to 7am
- Firewood policy - no fires outside the fire ring provided, do not transport wood
- Please be courteous to the land and public and pick up after your pets and self – pick up all the you have brought with you, no trash/ recycling left behind
- Alcohol permitted – no glass
- No RV or campers allowed
- No firearms

Possible amenities

- Fire rings
- Benches

ACTION REQUESTED

Consider possible recommendation to City Council and staff regarding campsite establishment within River Park.