



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

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes from August 8, 2023 meeting
4. Presentation(s) / Public Comment
5. Reports:
 - A. Parks – Joel Schmidt, Public Works Manager
 - B. Community Center & Recreation – Allison Watkins, Recreation Manager
6. Old Business
 - A. Campsites at River Park
7. New Business
8. Future Agenda Items
9. Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 3, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.
10. Adjourn



A Regular Meeting of the City of Le Sueur Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee (RPAC) was held on Tuesday, August 8, 2023, at 5:00PM

RPAC Members present: Brandyn Raduenz, Robin Wilke, Mark Huntington, Thomas Mercier

RPAC Members absent: Rosie Goggin

Council Ex Officio Members present: Pam Williams

Council Ex Officio Members absent: n/a

Staff Representatives present: Allison Watkins, Joe Roby

1. Meeting called to order by Member Huntington at 5:02p

2. Approval of Agenda:

- a. Motion by Wilke, Seconded by Raduenz to approve the agenda as presented. Voting in favor: Raduenz, Wilke, Huntington, Mercier. Voting no: n/a. Motion carried.

3. Approval of Minutes:

- a. Motion by Mercier, Seconded by Raduenz to approve the July 11, 2023 meeting minutes. Voting in favor: Raduenz, Wilke, Huntington, Mercier. Voting no: n/a. Motion carried.

4. Presentation/Public Comment: n/a

5. Reports:

a. Parks:

- i. Mr. Roby provided an update on City Parks.
 1. Motion by Raduenz, Seconded by Wilke, to accept the Parks report. Voting in favor: Raduenz, Wilke, Huntington, Mercier. Voting no: n/a. Motion carried.

b. Community Center and Recreation:

- i. Ms. Watkins provided an update on the Community Center and City Recreation programming.
 1. Motion by Raduenz, Seconded by Mercier, to accept the Community Center and Recreation report. Voting in favor: Raduenz, Wilke, Huntington, Mercier. Voting no: n/a. Motion carried.



6. New Business:

- a. **Camping:** Discussion from members and staff regarding options for establishing primitive campsites at River Park. City Code allows tent camping in “designated areas”, but there are not currently any such areas outlined for permitting. Committee directed staff to return at September 2023 meeting with recommendations for proceeding with campsite establishment.

7. Old Business: n/a

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

9. Future Agenda Items:

- a. Discuss pre-winter preparation of hiking/snowshoeing trail in River Park.

10. Adjourn:

- a. Motion by Wilke, Seconded by Mercier, to adjourn the meeting. Voting in favor: Raduenz, Wilke, Huntington, Mercier. Voting no: n/a. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:26p.



CITY OF LE SUEUR
RPAC UPDATE

TO: RPAC Chair and Board
FROM: Joel Schmidt, Public Works Manager
SUBJECT: Park Staff Report
DATE: Park updates Tuesday, September 5, 2023

PURPOSE

Park status updates.

Park Status:

- **American Legion:**
 - Weekly trash removal and maintenance.
 - Tree removals
 - Pruning

- **Cedar Ridge Trails:**
 - Weekly trash removal and maintenance.

- **Jo Eagle Anderson:**
 - Weekly trash removal and maintenance.
 - Tree removals
 - Turf establishment next to playground sidewalk
 - 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. Planting in Spring 2024

- **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.

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

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, September 5, 2023

PURPOSE

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

SUMMARY

Aqua Valley Outdoor Pool

Overall, we had a very good outdoor pool season. Numbers were up in all categories including swimming lessons (Up 26 participants). This season was 7 days shorter due to school starting earlier and college students leveling and fall sports making it very difficult to staff a week longer. We only had a few evenings that the pool closed early because of weather or low/no attendance.

2023		2022	
Memberships	213	Memberships	181
Total members	701	Total members	607
Daily Attendance	1980	Daily Attendance	1944
Daily WW// lap	645	Daily WW/ lap	507
Total attendance	8266	Total attendance	7896

Ice Arena

The 2023-24 regular season will begin September 28. The compressors will be turned on Sept. 15 and the ice will be painted on Sept. 20. Staff is currently working with the association on scheduling ice times and preparing the arena for the season. Seasonal Zamboni positions have been posted.

Programs

Our Senior BBQ was held August 25 and was moved indoors due to the heat. We served lunch, updated seniors on the facility study, talked about the future of programming and events for the seniors, and overall had a great time!

Fall programs registration numbers

- Horseback riding clinic full 32/30 participants
- Flag football full 57/45 participants
- Contact Football 21/40 participants
- Youth volleyball 18/30 participants

Future of Giant Day 5K

We have been asked by Nathan Ward if we would be willing to let the chamber organize the Giant Valley 5k event. The chamber feels this will help them boost their presence and could use it for fund-raising efforts. After discussing this with Joe and Jenny, we have decided to give this event to the chamber. As for the community centers (recreation department) involvement during the celebrations, we have been brainstorming ideas that we could offer during that weekend. Staff would like to invite the RPAC committee to help with the planning and running events.

Possible Giant Day Events

- Pickleball tournament
- Kids' corner – obstacle course, games, interactive play systems
- Golf simulator tournament

Projects

ACTION REQUESTED

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