

Lake Mills Parks Board Minutes
July 15th, 2020

Call to Order: Chairperson Vicki Wickliffe called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm.

Roll Call: Present were Vicki Wickliffe, Timothy Sprecher, Steve Fields, Bill Logothetis, Matthew Pederson, and Rob Goetz – Parks & Forestry Director.

Three guests were in attendance: Lisa Kerler, Dan Drescher, and Doug Fritsch.

Parks Board Minutes from June 17th, 2020: Motion to approve the minutes made by Tim Sprecher and seconded by Bill Logothetis; it passed on a 5-0 vote.

Parks and Forestry Director's Report: Rob presented his report. See attached.

Public Comments: Lisa Kerler spoke on the trail system at Tyranena Park. Also, members shared emails that were sent on the bike trails. There was a question on ATVs in the park. Rob said that ATVs are not allowed and that enforcement is a police issue.

Tyranena Park: Rob reviewed emails and the video of the last meeting; most comments were in support of the trail system. He shared the GIS mapping, signage ideas, and issues brought up at the last meeting. There was discussion on Eagle Scout projects. Tony walked the trail system with several people who had expressed interest. Bill suggested finishing the two trails that have been started and allow expansion in the southwest corner of the park known as “the bowl.”

Motion made by Bill Logothetis, seconded by Matt Pederson: To keep and allow the existing mountain bike/multi-use trails at Tyranena Park; allow no more expansion of the trail system unless approved by Parks Board and City Council; encourage the elimination of trails that are erosion problems or deemed unnecessary. Existing trails can be maintained, improved and altered according to industry best practices to assure trail quality, safety, and/or user enhancement. Signage will be designed and installed for the purpose of trail safety, general park and trail rules, and overall park information. GIS mapping of the trail system will be developed, maintained, and updated to keep accurate records. Motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

Boat Slip Rental: There was discussion on how the boat slips and storage work and the history. Pricing was discussed and whether it should be adjusted to meet the demand. Ideas presented included: lotteries, short term rental, rotation of users, and surveys of existing owners. The Board will continue to review and discuss options.

Announcements: Flowerbeds are in great shape due to the volunteers.

Next Meeting Date and Time: August 19th, 2020 at 5:30 pm.

Adjournment: Vicki Wickliffe adjourned the meeting at 7:57 pm.

Respectfully Submitted: Steven Fields, Secretary

Director's Report July 15, 2020

1. Beaches are extremely busy not only on the weekend but during the week. Gatehouse staff is working everyday.
2. Food trucks are up and going at Sandy Beach. Crawfish Junction, Doyles' Dogs, 2 Can Smoke BBQ and Big Ole Wraps are providing service.
3. Walkways at Wallace Park and Faville Park have been paved. Crew has started to restore and seed the areas along the edges
4. Mowing, weed eating and park clean up is an everyday task.
5. Batting cage is complete at Rotary Park. Wallace Park's should be completed this week.
6. Keeping up with baseball/softball field maintenance.
7. Doing necessary repairs on boat lifts, piers and swim lines as needed.
8. Landscape and shrub maintenance at the cemetery and park areas.
9. Fitting in tree work as we have time. Storm damage, sidewalk and street clearance complaints and dead tree removal