

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission for the City of Mayer, Minnesota was held on June 27th, 2023 at 6:30pm in the City Council Chambers.

Members: Mike Wegner, Melissa Gomes, Ryan Kusske, Eric Vogel, Derek Eley

Absent: None

Visitors: Nicholas Johnson, City Administrator

The meeting was called to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The agenda was reviewed. There was a request to add three items to the agenda: discussion on pickleball, discussion on open gym, and a quote proposal for bounce houses at Music in the Park. A motion was made by Gomes and seconded by Kusske to approve the agenda. All voted in favor. None voted against. The motion was carried.

The consent agenda was reviewed. A motion was made by Vogel and seconded by Kusske to approve the consent agenda. All voted in favor. None voted against. The motion was carried.

Consent Agenda:

1. Consider Approval of May 9th, 2023 Minutes

City Administrator Johnson light-heartedly hoodwinked the Board by stating the City's application to the DNR Outdoor Recreation Grant Program for the splash pad project was declined. Johnson then presented the award notification letter which congratulated the City on their grant selection and funding of \$302,446. Johnson had spoken with the contractors for the project and informed them of the award. The project could begin once the City Council approves and executed the grant agreement with the DNR. Johnson's hope is that the splash pad would be completed yet this year.

The Board discussed the Music in the Park event coming up on September 30th, 2023. Lowbert Ranch, who provided pony rides the previous year, had been contacted but no reply received on availability. The Cookie Store was also contacted but did not send a response. Midwest Party Supply sent a proposal for the Zoo Bounce house and Circus Train Obstacle Course, the same inflatables which were selected in 2022, in the amount of \$585.00. The consensus of the Board was to go ahead with the inflatables listed. The Board then discussed other dessert options for the event as the Cookie Store may not respond in time. Board members would reach out to potential vendors.

The Board discussed the potential of pickleball courts in Mayer. Board Member Eley stated he had been approached by members of the community asking what was possible. The Watertown-Mayer School District Community Education program conducts pickleball in Watertown at a couple of locations. The Board believed the Community Center in Mayer could be utilized. Discussions would be had with Community Ed to find out how they organize and implement their pickleball program.

A discussion on open gym was postponed until more information about pickleball was obtained.

The Board discussed participation in the Mayer Rising Community Festival. Johnson had poster boards made showing the final splash pad designs and Gomes would work on additional materials to display.

A motion was made by Kusske and seconded by Eley to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. None voted against. The motion was carried.

City Administrator