

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission for the City of Mayer, Minnesota was held on March 11th, 2025 at 6:30pm in the City Council Chambers.

Members: Mike Wegner, Ryan Kusske, Eric Vogel, Emily Jackson

Absent: Vacancy

Visitors: Nicholas Johnson, City Administrator

The meeting was called to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The agenda was reviewed. City Administrator Johnson requested the addition of an item to review candidates for the Park Board vacancy. A motion was made by Kusske and seconded by Vogel 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 Jackson 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 January 14th, 2025 Meeting Minutes

The Board reviewed potential dates for the twice annual ditch clean up. The consensus was to select May 13th, 2025 and September 9th, 2025 at 5:30pm prior to the regular Park Board meetings.

Nicholas Johnson requested Board input on how to proceed with the potential outdoor pickleball courts overlaid on the Discovery and Bluejay parks basketball courts. Johnson stated he was unable to find a retractable netting system to fit the needs are previously discussed. He believed the two available options were a permanent net bisecting at half court or no net at all and have people bring their own. In either circumstance the courts would be striped for pickleball. The Board felt a permanent netting system was not the best option. People could bring their own, the City could purchase a couple sets of equipment for checkout, and/or key coded lockers could be installed on site for users to access to use equipment. Johnson will gather quotes for striping as well as for a couple sets for checkout.

Nicholas Johnson gave an update on the disc golf course project. Mayer Lutheran has tentatively agreed to allow the project to move forward on their land. Johnson will be preparing the final draft of the land use agreement for Mayer Lutheran's approval at their April meeting. Once approved, the agreement would be brought before the City Council. Initial quotes for construction place the total project cost around \$26,000.

Kusske inquired about the potential for selling sponsorships for each hole. The Board discussed options for annual recurring sponsorships at \$250 or a one-time donation at \$1,000. Recognition signage would be placed along with the hole number and par signage.

Johnson mentioned color schemes for the disc golf course. His initial thought was to use the red from Mayer Lutheran and the gold from the City of Mayer as part of the theme design.

Commercial Recreation Specialists anticipate returning the week of March 31st to begin final construction of the splash pad. The Minnesota Department of Health will need to perform a final inspection before it can be opened. The reconstruction of the internal trails to Old Schoolhouse Park would occur after the splash pad is complete. Johnson went over the quotes received for the trail reconstruction work. Original estimates were \$80,300 and the low quote came in at \$99,610. City staff are evaluating ways to reduce the cost by having Public Works perform parts of the work. Johnson discussed the west section of trail bid as an alternate and whether or not it should be funded. The Board believed it should be approved for reconstruction after reviewing the status of the Park CIP funding status.

The City received three applications from candidates for the vacant Park Board position. The three candidates were Rose Hoese, Lauren Stifter, and Michael David Lenz Jr. The Board reviewed the applications and after thorough discussion a motion was made by Kusske and seconded by Wegner to recommend Lauren Stifter to be appointed to the vacant Park Board position. All voted in favor. None voted against. The motion was carried.

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

City Administrator