

RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING  
Thursday, September 28, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER: E. Piotrowski called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.
2. ROLL CALL: Commissioners present: W. Lyday, E. Piotrowski, J. Joyce, and D. Rasmussen (arrived at 5:48 pm) Absent: M. Healy  
Also present: Recreation Administrative Coordinator, Ryan Harrison, Recreation Supervisor, Mike Kenny, Recreation Program Manager, Rita Ligeikis, Director of Recreation, Aleks Briedis and Walt Knake, Executive Director for the Park District.
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Commission reviewed the minutes from the March 2, 2023, meeting and made some edits. W. Lyday made a motion to approve the edited minutes, J. Joyce seconded the motion. Roll call was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.
4. CITIZENS COMMENTS: None.
5. OLD BUSINESS: None
6. NEW BUSINESS:
  - a) Financials ending August 2023 – A. Briedis gave an overview of the financials. Comments and questions were as follows:  
Contracted Programs: J. Joyce asked if need to increase our fees, since the programs currently show a net loss. A. Briedis stated that at year-end, the programs will not show a net loss, as at the start of the 2023 fiscal year, expenses from the end of 2022 are realized, skewing the net profit amount.  
Coop Programs: R. Ligeikis stated that we are still waiting for Winter/Spring reimbursements from both districts that are not shown in the financials.  
Adult Programs: J. Joyce asked if we keep track of participants requests for programs offerings. M. Kenny responded that we do and gave an example how due to requests was the reason pickleball programs increases, a second night of Men’s open gym was added, and additional youth open gym times were added.  
Tower Trot: A. Briedis stated that he originally forecasted the race had a net loss of \$2500, but after reconciling the revenues and expenses, the final net loss will be about \$1400.
  - b) Presentation of the Draft FY 2024 Budget: A. Briedis gave an overview of the 2024 Budget. Comments and questions were as follows:  
W. Lyday asked when the PARC grant awards will be announced. A. Briedis stated that the hope was September but will probably be later this year. D. Rasmussen asked if the Spring Travel Basketball was offered this year. M. Kenny replied that it wasn’t due to a lack of participants, however, Fall Travel Basketball had 2 more teams than last year. J. Joyce asked about the Village Attorney line item. A. Briedis stated that the line item is for attorney fees directly related to the Recreation Department. W. Lyday asked if the large expense in Grand Avenue’s fund for building improvements depend on the grant award. A. Briedis replied that it did, and the amount would be updated if the grant is not

received. D. Rasmussen asked if the recreation department was hiring for part-time positions. M. Kenny stated that there are openings for basketball scorekeepers on the weekends.

7. REPORTS:

a) DIRECTOR BRIEDIS: A. Briedis report included an update on projects completed in the past few months. He stated the Recreation Center Gym project has started and is slated to be completed by the start of next week. The project includes motorized height adjusters for basketball hoops, new wall padding, a new control system for operating the basketball hoops and divider curtain. A monitor was installed in the recreation office that shows a live stream of the cameras at both the Recreation Center and Grand Avenue Community Center. Tuckpointing of the exterior walls at the Grand Avenue Community Center was completed. The entire fire alarm system at the Grand Avenue Community Center has been upgraded. The exterior Recreation Center sign has been replaced as well as wayfinding signs for the interior of the Recreation center were installed.

He stated he has not yet received an update on the status of the PARC grant for the Grand Avenue Gymnasium project.

Senior Center Director, Mic Cagney, celebrated her 20th anniversary with the Village of Western Springs on Friday, July 14th.

b) Other: None.

8) COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: None.

9) OTHER: W. Knake stated he would send the Wrap Up video of their 100<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration to the Commission.

10) NEXT MEETING: The next Recreation Commission meeting will be held on November 2, 2023.

11) ADJOURNMENT: W. Lyday motioned, and J. Joyce seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Roll call was taken, and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:47 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rita Ligeikis  
Recreation Program Manager/Commission Secretary