



PARK & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD AGENDA

BUCKHAM WEST

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2024

6:00 PM

1. Call to Order
2. Election of Officers
3. Approval of the Minutes - January 24, 2024
4. Presentation - BMX
5. Director's Report
6. Requests to be Heard
7. Old Business
 - A. Viaduct Park Update
 - B. Playground for New Park at Rice County Housing Development
8. New Business
 - A. Review and Approve Scholarship Programs
9. Other
10. Next Meeting Date: March 27 - March 20, April 3 or April 24
11. Adjournment

FARIBAULT PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
MINUTES FOR JANUARY 24, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lola Brand, Sally Kramer, Chad Kreager, Mike Ross and Chuck Thiele.
MEMBERS ABSENT: Carrissa Glarner and Troy Temple. STAFF PRESENT: Paul Peanasky, Parks and Recreation Director, and Denise Hansen, Administrative Coordinator. GUESTS: None.

- 1) Meeting was called to order by Chad at 6:02 p.m.
- 2) Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Mike, seconded by Lola to approve minutes of October 25, 2023. Motion passed.
- 3) Presentation: None.
- 4) Director's Report:
 - a) Kevin O'Brien - Awards: Paul reported that Kevin O'Brien recently received two awards from MRPA – the Meritorious Award and Presidential Award. Kevin is currently the Chair of the Minnesota Aquatics Association. He also started the lifeguard Olympic games where lifeguard teams from different facilities compete against each other. And he is the Chair of the MRPA 2024 State Conference and responsible for its organization.
 - b) Board Members: Both Sally and Chuck were reappointed to the board this year. The student representative position remains open.
- 5) Requests to be Heard: None.
- 6) Old Business:
 - a) Community Center Update: Currently, there is a state legislative moratorium on cities to ask for local tax increases. Paul stated staff is reviewing what can be trimmed on the new community center to bring costs down. They are also looking for other funding sources.
 - b) Viaduct Park Update: The new park by the viaduct is out to bid. Paul will have results at the February meeting. Funding for the park is not part of the governor's package and Senator Jasinski indicated the City should not anticipate any funding from the state for the new park.
 - c) Playground for Twin Oaks Park at Rice County Housing Development: Paul is requesting playground options for Twin Oaks Park. Rice County will pay for the playground but they requested the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board select the playground.
 - d) River Bend Nature Center Agreement: River Bend Nature Center Agreement is being revised and will go to City Council for final approval.
- 7) New Business:
 - a) Request for a Skate Park: Paul shared an email he received from Lisa Adams requesting a skate park in Faribault. Paul invited Lisa to attend this meeting. Board reviewed request and agreed it would be nice to have a skate park but the cost of

constructing one would be extreme. Also, there are skate parks available in Northfield and Owatonna. Board discussed those parks do not seem to be used very much so were curious how much a park in Faribault would be used. They did note that the park in Zumbrota does seem to be used more. Board discussed and agreed it is an amenity that could be considered in the future. Board asked Paul to invite Lisa to another meeting to discuss the request.

- b) Great River Greening – Ash Tree Removal Program: Great River Greening wrote a tree grant to help fund removal and replacement of ash trees. Twelve entities, including the City of Faribault, are a part of this grant for a total of \$10 million. Great River Greening is determining distribution of these funds. Paul stated he will get more information regarding the distribution of funds in May. The Parks Department is currently removing trees and tracking them so they know where to replant trees.
- c) Jen Korbel – New Director at Buckham West: Board met Jen Korbel who was recently hired as the new director of Buckham West. She started in this position in November.

8) Other: None.

9) Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for February 28, 2024.

10) Motion was made by Sally, seconded by Lola to adjourn at 6:34 p.m. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Hansen, Administrative Coordinator