

**PARK BOARD**  
**Minutes**  
**April 10, 2023**

The meeting of the Maple Lake Park Board was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Renee Eckerly, City Administrator at the Maple Lake city hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Haack, Hausken, Helwig

ABSENT: Fobbe and Korpela Jr

OTHERS PRESENT: Renee Eckerly, City Administrator, Al Hudek, Public Works Director

**Introductions**

Lori Hausken is the new City Council appointment to the Park Board. She is replacing Bruce Ballweber.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was (m/s/p), Haack/Hausken to approve the minutes from December 12, 2022. All members present voted in favor.

**New Business**

**a. Election of Officers**

A motion was (m/s/p), Haack/Hausken to elect Kristen Helwig, as Chairperson. All members present voted in favor.

A motion was (m/s/p), Helwig/Hausken to elect John Haack as Vice Chairperson. All members present voted in favor.

**b. Meeting Schedule**

The Board discussed 4:30 p.m. was too early for some people to make the meeting. The start time will be 5:00 p.m. on the second Monday of the month with a frequency as needed.

**c. 2022 Funding**

Eckerly reported that there was \$7,911.00 remaining in the Capital Improvement fund from 2022, plus the 2023 budgeted amount of \$34,315.00 for a total of \$42,226.00.

**d. Review Chapter 11 Ordinance Regulating Parks**

The Board reviewed the Ordinance and had no recommendation for changes at this time.

**e. Review Parks & Trails Plan (original 2005/update 2017)**

Eckerly reported that she puts this on the agenda each year, so the Board is aware of the plan. No action is needed.

**f. Discuss Park Improvement Ideas**

The Board discussed that Maplewood Park would be the park for the pickleball court after seeing how active the new courts are at the high school. Hudek, Public Works Director reported that parks will be open for the Memorial Day weekend and close prior to Halloween depending on the weather conditions. The restrooms are not heated at any of the parks. The Board discussed security systems to deter vandalism at the parks, and the requirement to post that the parks are under surveillance. Eckerly, City Administrator, will research the system that Wright County Deputy Reedy spoke of at the City Council meeting and report at the next meeting.

The Board discussed if lighting needed to be added to the trail. It was mentioned that this might cause mischief during the night hours and that residence along the trail may night like the brightness of the lights in their windows. The Board discussed if Bolduan park should have more lights, instead of just during ballgames, since it is somewhat secluded. The Board discussed if there should be a portal restroom available at the park.

A motion was (m/s/p), Helwig/Haack to recommend a portal restroom be rented for the park season for Bolduan park. All members present voted in favor.

The Board discussed adding a pavilion at Maple Lake beach in the picnic area and making the beach more attractive. It was recommended the next meeting be at the beach location.

The Board reviewed the ice-skating rink. It was a bad winter for ice, so the participation would be low. The Public Works Department did remove the snow throughout the season. There is no warming house but there was a portable restroom. The size of the rink was also discussed.

The Board discussed the skate park. Helwig will talk to the Industrial Arts teacher at the Maple Lake school to see what he would need for his students to manufacture the ramps over next winter.

**Old Business** - none

**Dates to Remember/ Announcements** - Next Meeting will be May 8, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. at Maple Lake beach.

**Adjournment**

A motion was m/s/p, Hausken/Helwig to adjourn at 5:40 p.m.

Attest,

Renee Eckerly  
City Administrator