

**Park Board Minutes**  
**May 8, 2023**

The meeting of the Maple Lake Park Board was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Kirstin Helwig, Chairperson at the Maple Lake picnic area at the lake.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Haack, Hausken, Helwig, Fobbe

**ABSENT:** Korpela Jr

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

**Introductions**

Tana Fobbe was introduced to the new members.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was (m/s/p), Helwig/Hausken to approve the minutes from April 10, 2023. All members present voted in favor.

**New Business**

**a. Discuss building a pavilion in the picnic area.**

The Board discussed the documents received from Andrew Green, Wetland Specialist, Wright Coil and Water Conservation District. Hudek, Public Works Director, reported on the Ordinary High-Water Level of Maple Lake and measuring from the edge of the water in land 75 feet would be to the wooden poles in the driveway. Then you must measure 65 feet from the center of Hwy 55 toward the lake. Hudek reported that as soon as you dig a hole in this area it fills up with water. The Board discussed whether they should prepare and apply for a variance. The Board determined they would not proceed with a variance application at this time. But discussed a possible mesh like material being installed over the picnic tables to create shade. All the picnic tables are concrete slabs.

The Board discussed adding benches, one at the dog area, two at the beach area and one on the fishing pier. There will be examples of benches and costs at the next meeting.

The Board discussed that the picnic tables that are available need some refinishing work.

The Board discussed creating a better barrier between the beach and the parking lot to create more privacy and to possible stripe, so parking is more organized. Hudek reported that some of the milling from the street project will be laid in the parking lot which will create a minimum layer of asphalt.

Hudek reported that he has ordered more new sand for the beach which is 4-5 truckloads.

**b. Motion to accept the resignation of Bill Korpela Jr from the Park Board.**

A motion was (m/s/p), Helwig/Fobbe to accept the resignation of Bill Korpela Jr from the Park Board and recommend to the City Council. All members present voted in favor.

After the City Council takes action, the open position will be posted in the Messenger and city website for a minimum of two weeks.

## **Old Business**

### **a. Discuss security at the parks.**

The Board discussed the need for security cameras at the parks. Hudek reported that vandalism is down at the parks. It was discussed that signage would need to be installed notifying the public of the security cameras. The Board suggested cameras at Bolduan Park because it is secluded and there is not a lot of activity when baseball games are not in season. They also discussed cameras at Community Park to prevent damage to the restrooms that were just remodeled. They liked the camera system that the City of Loretto installed that was in the agenda.

A motion was (m/s/p), Helwig/Hausken to recommend to the City Council to purchase 6 Cuddeback cameras and the system to monitoring them with 3 being installed at Community Park and 3 being installed at Bolduan Park. All members present voted in favor.

### **b. Discuss skateboard park.**

Helwig reported that Brad Salveson, Industrial Arts teacher has not sensed any skateboard interest from the kids at school, so he is wondering if the money could be better spent on something else.

### **c. Discuss pickleball courts.**

Fobbe reported that the school is still waiting to hear if they got the grant that was applied for to create the pickleball courts at the high school where the tennis courts use to be. The grant was applied for in February 2022 for \$69,000. The city donated \$10,000 in December toward the project. The Board discussed if the slab of concrete at the Community Park could be used for a pickleball court, but it would need some cushion installed and then what happens in the Winter. The concrete slab dimensions are 60 x 80. The slab will be used in August to set up the screen for the Movie in the Park the Friday before Gearhead Day.

**Dates to Remember/ Announcements** - Next Meeting will be June 12, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall.

## **Adjournment**

A motion was m/s/p, Helwig/Fobbe to adjourn at 5:51 p.m.

Attest,

Renee Eckerly City  
Administrator