

Park Board Minutes
August 14, 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 City Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Haack, Hausken, Helwig, Shields
ABSENT: Fobbe, Eckerly, City Administrator
OTHERS PRESENT: Al Hudek, Public Works Director

Introductions

Jay Shields was introduced as the new member.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was (m/s/p), Haack/Helwig to approve the minutes from May 8, 2023. All members present voted in favor.

New Business

a. Discuss curved table soccer (Teqball) plus additional sports.

The Board discussed that the city would only be providing the table and players would have to bring their own equipment. This is a new sport. The table can be outdoors. People are playing at resorts. The table can be set on its own slab of concrete. It is a portable table for \$2,000. The Board felt this would not work outdoors. Hausken is going to research more and bring back. Helwig will reach out to Fobbe and see if she is aware of the sport through the school or community education.

The Board discussed the ice-skating rink. It was a lot of work to create for the lack of use. The winter weather was bad. The Board discussed skipping this winter and visiting again in the future.

Old Business

a. Motion to purchase benches for the beach area:

Option 1 \$2,450.00 for 3 6ft bench w/back expanded metal thermoplastic

Option 2 \$2,876.00 for 3 6ft perforated bench with back thermos coated

The Board discussed that option 2 is more durable.

A motion was (m/s/p), Hausken/Helwig to recommend to the City Council to purchase option 2 \$2,876.00 for 3 6ft perforated bench with back thermos coated. 3 members voted in favor and 1 abstained Haack.

b. Update on Pickleball courts.

Hudek read an email from Mike Rowe, School Superintendent that they are waiting on grants. Community Education will have the sport available indoors over the winter. The school is focused on getting the courts installed next summer.

c. Discuss skateboard amenity (Haack).

The Board discussed previous action regarding the skateboard park and lack of usage. After a lengthy discussion, it was determined there was not a large enough number of kids interested to invest the money.

A motion was (m/s/p), Shields/Hausken to stop any further discussion of a skateboard park. 3 members voted in favor and 1 opposed Haack.

d. Discuss picnic table canopy.

Hausken reported that she has seen these in multiple city parks. Hudek reported that he had contact the City of St. Micheal. The Board discussed the durability of the canopies. Hudek will get quotes for the next meeting. There are 3 picnic tables at the beach.

e. Update on Security Cameras at Community Park & Bolduan Park

Hudek reported the cameras are not installed. They need to decide on the best cellular service for coverage. The camera is solar powered. The Board discussed if it was worth putting the cameras up at this time of year and incurring costs instead of waiting until spring. The Board requested Hudek to find out if an existing service could be used for the cameras and not a new service.

Additional items discussed:

The Board discussed plowing a path in the winter at Bolduan park for people to walk. It was mentioned that there used to be a path in the winter.

The Board discussed creating a path from the beach to the picnic/restroom area because the vehicle parking is encroaching on people's ability to get to the restrooms. A suggestion of additional poles being installed was discussed to keep the pathway open. Hudek will review for next year.

The Board discussed the drinking fountain at the restroom at Community Park. Hudek reported that the drinking fountain is ordered and may be in next week. The Board discussed having a drinking fountain at Bolduan park. There are concessions during the baseball season that sell water.

Dates to Remember/ Announcements - Next Meeting will be September 11, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Adjournment

A motion was m/s/p, Hausken/Helwig to adjourn at 5:57 p.m.

Attest,

Renee Eckerly City
Administrator