

PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

March 7th, 2023

Minutes

6:30pm

1. MEETING CALL TO ORDER: 6:30pm

2. ROLL CALL: Cathy Sjoquist, Gary Stevenson, Stacie Carter, Anne Pfothauer, Jay Bostwick, Bob Bosk

Others: Jason Davis, Kristyn Madalinski

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 15th, 2023

Jay Bostwick made a motion to approve the minutes for the February 15th, 2023.

Recreation Board Meeting and was supported by Stacie Carter at 6:32pm.

4. CALL TO THE PUBLIC: None

5. STAFF REPORT:

a. Miscellaneous Announcements and Reports: None

b. Financial Statements: None

6. BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS & REPORTS:

a. Volunteerism: None

7. OLD BUSINESS:

a. Recreation Board reappointment letters – Gary Stevenson and Stacie Carter agreed to be reappointed to the Recreation Board for another 3 year term.

Director Davis handed out their reappointment letters and thanked Mr. Stevenson and Mrs. Carter for their service to the city of Gladstone and look forward to working with them in the future.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Budget Review 2023/2024 – Director Davis went over the budget changes and projects for this coming up budget year. The projects and funded budget items are as followed: Rec. Admin – Keep administration assistant, new computer, IT costs and new website training, Parks – Buy used Gravely Zero Steer mower, Beach – lifeguards will be at the beach for 6wks, Other Rec. Facilities – old pram shack moved to Bayshore ballfield for storage shed, old cow path and Indian statues new split rail fence, replace boards on fishing pier, paint railing at Bill Bullen’s fishing pier, power wash and seal KK playground, Ice Rink – Closed, Campground – new website training, Sports Park – Replace Bunny and gearbox, replace paddles, rope and snowcat cleats. Rec. Programs – replace pram shack (funded through donations)
- b. New appointment to Recreation Board – Davis welcomed the new Recreation Board member Cathy Sjoquist. She has been on the Recreation Board in the past and she was also a member of the beautification committee for decades. She brings many years of experience and is a very vocal advocate for the citizens of Gladstone and we look forward to having her experience on the board.
- c. Disc Golf tournament – The Commission approved the “North Bluff Open” disk golf tournament on June 3-4th which will be held at the Sports Park. This event is a PDGA sanctioned B-Tier event.
- d. “Friends of Gladstone” – Mrs. Madalinski has been working on starting a group called “Friends of Gladstone” with the goal to focus citizens on ways to help

serve the community based on the Parks and Rec. needs. **See attachment for more details.**

9. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Bob Bosk – would like to add to the next agenda a discussion on naming the “Forest Drive Park” which is the new playground up at the sports park next to the ballfields. He also would like the department and the pickleball club to check with the townships for funding.

Cathy Sjoquist – Would like the department to check with the schools to get volunteers for sealing and power washing the KK playground. She would like us to check with Marquette to see if they have anything left from their wooden playground recently taken down. Mrs. Sjoquist would also like the department to edge along the bike path throughout the parks, plant a garden area at KK and asked about the spring plantings.

Anne Pfothenauer – would like to add a discussion about the sailing school to the agenda next month.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Anne Pfothenauer made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Stacie Carter supported the decision to adjourn the meeting at 8:14pm

"FRIENDS OF GLADSTONE"

Local citizens using their gifts and resources to serve the city of Gladstone through our Parks and Recreation Department.

Parks & Rec Vision

To serve the citizens of Gladstone by providing the best recreational experience while enjoying the finest park system in the area. Whether it's relaxing on the beach, enjoying a campfire at the campground or walking through the parks, you'll be rewarded by the beauty of this little city on the bay.

Parks & Rec Mission Statement

Our mission is to provide safe, efficient, quality recreational opportunities and to maintain the best park experience for the citizens of Gladstone and visitors to this beautiful area.

Goals of "Friends of Gladstone"

- Offer a focused way for citizens to serve their community based on Parks & Rec needs and their time allowance.
- Continually meet our Parks & Rec mission and vision within the budget in a timely manner.
- Provide services and resources to the community above and beyond what is possible using our current staff and budget.

Areas of Focus

- Winter
 - Ski Hill/chalet updates (i.e., kids' storage cubbies)
 - Spring planning
- Spring
 - Beautification - growing, planting, prepping
 - Summer prep (i.e., painting/staining weathered tables/garbage cans)
 - Summer planning
 - Fourth of July planning
- Summer
 - Flower/greenery maintenance/replacement
 - Building/updating outdoor items (i.e., life jacket stand)
 - "Beach Combers Club" (i.e., pick up garbage, lost & found items on beach)
 - Fall/winter planning
- Fall
 - Closing summer down in the parks (i.e., sweeping webs off ski hill picnic tables)
 - Make "closed for the season" items at bathrooms

What's Next

- People! Sign up...
- Add to email list
- Initial introduction meeting
- Email/phone call "asks"