

Meeting Minutes

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Thursday, July 21, 2022	4:00 PM	via Zoom

Sarah Fine-Walsh: X

Malena Marvin: X

1. Call to Order / Roll Call

A. Stephanie Hayes: Absent

Stephanie Payne: X

Kacey Hammer: X Theresa Craig: X

Guest #1: Jeff Meucci

Guest #2: Mason LeBlanc

2. Approval of Minutes

A. Minutes from April 21, 2022, approved unanimously.

3. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

4. Visitor's Views Related to Agenda

A. Mason LeBlanc is wanting to ask about the schedules and programs within the facility.

5. Visitor's Views Unrelated to Agenda

A. Guest Mason LeBlanc asked about the repainting of the pool, will we be doing the lap pool?

Director Payne explained that the leisure pool will get another layer next year during our normal maintenance closure.

Mason also asked about the schedule of the pool, how many attendees are you getting at some of the programs?

Director Payne explained that if programs are not well attended after a time, Parks & Rec will alter the schedule. In the summertime, we can expand what we offer and try to get more open swims, parent tots, and lap. Once school starts the pool is tied up with classes and then our Viking Swim Team rents it in the afternoon.

6. Director's Report

A. Director Stephanie Payne read her review submitted. Jeff Meucci asked how many have registered. We have at least 4 currently.

7. Unfinished Business

A. At meeting held on April 21, 2022 the board had discussed items brought up at the work session about the Troll Bridge having any plans with Boy Scouts for another trail or bridge and report of what council is hoping for with the cultural footprints to be added to Sandy Beach. Tribal administrator Chad Wright was going to reach out after meeting with council and would report back.

Plans for extension of trail with ADA accessibility by Petersburg Indian Association is in the future (2024) and this may eliminate the Troll Bridge issue.

B. Board member Malena was to report on Ice Skate Pond Work session that happened on June 16th, 2022.

This meeting was a no show and questions of rescheduling or waiting until more in season? Other options to reach out to community for input was survey or letter to Pilot? Director Payne has done an excellent job to reach out and let the intentions be known.

Board Member Malena made a motion to group write a letter to Pilot editor, on behalf of the Parks & Recreation Advisory board. Regarding plans for improvements at the Ice-Skating Pond at the Ball Field.

Seconded by Sarah Fine-Walsh

Unanimous vote in favor.

8. New Business

A. Responding to community member request. Can we look at water bottle stations at key locations to encourage water bottle refills and healthy hydration. Requested by Board member Malena Marvin.

Director Stephanie Payne went over some quotes for the fountains. This did not include shipping, installation or any other infrastructure involved. It has not been included in the FY23 budget. It was agreed to work on this getting added to our FY24 budget once more information is gathered. Possible grants, fund raising?

9. Communication

Board Member Sarah Fine-Walsh has mentioned a suggestion box in the Weight Room itself. She has been approached by many about equipment and layout of the room.

Director Payne explained that the High School Weight room is not part of Parks & Recreation, and it continues to be a problem with access & equipment.

Facility Supervisor Julie Anderson would be great to add to this conversation.

Board Member Malena asked if there is any kind of Intro to the weight rooms, answer is no. "How To" signage in all the rooms has been added.

Parks & Rec staff has done an amazing job at the community events such as Little Norway and July 4th celebration. At Community Celebration was so enjoyable, staff worked great together, and patrons were so happy.

A big thank you to Stephanie for getting Parks & Rec to this level. Assembly member Meucci stated the improvement also.

Kudo's to our Grounds Keeping (Colin Perry and Joe McLitus) for the work being done at Sandy Beach specifically. Loved seeing the trails and kids playing.

10. Discussion Items

Board Member Malena would like to give an update on the Forest Service grant for signs out at Sandy Beach. PIA Susan Harai had some ideas along with Sonny Rice, Kari Petersen to create an Outside Museum. Sue will be asking for some funds on this project, forest service money needs to be spent before end of year. Janine Gibbons is going to be the creative person for this project. Library would like to have QR codes for listening to stories.

Next meeting will be held September 29, 2022, at 4:00 pm

11. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 5:06 pm.