

**PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 29, 2025**

The meeting was called to order by Joe Boll at 6:30 p.m. Present at roll call: Joe Boll, Scott Heinberg, Doug Lindstrom, Rayna O'Brien, Jill Ringen, Ken Staver, and Carly Winslow. Excused Absence: None Also present: Wade Berget, Cindy Corley, Amy Prine, Dave Roelli, John Sonsalla and Kim Winslow

Motion by Winslow, seconded by Ringen, the meeting notice and agenda were properly posted. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Motion by Ringen, seconded by O'Brien, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Reports, comments, suggestions, and recommendations from citizens present:

Nothing to report

Under unfinished or deferred business from the previous committee meeting:

- Joe Boll updated the committee on the recodification project of the City Ordinances. The Policies, Procedures and Ordinances Committee reviewed the proposed new ordinances pertaining to 'Boards, Commissions, and Committees'. Our current Park & Recreation Committee does not meet the qualifications of a "Committee", based upon the number of Council members, citizens, and school board members required for the group. Therefore, the Policies, Procedures and Ordinances Committee voted to change this existing group from a Park & Recreation Committee to a Park & Recreation Commission.
- Joe Boll updated the committee City Ball Field renovation project

Under new business or matters to be taken up by the committee:

Discussion was held on bids received for the City Ball Field infield renovation. Three bids were received for replacing the infield:

Green Thumb Landscape = \$56,395.00

Midwest Athletic Fields LLC = \$48,500.00

Hutchinson Property Services = \$46,000.00

Joe Boll said he is looking for the Park & Recreation Commission to approve a bid for the purpose of if the fundraising campaign is not able to raise enough funds to cover the entire cost of the renovation project, the remaining costs will need to be covered by the City's General Fund. After a discussion, a motion was made by Winslow, seconded by Heinberg, to accept the bid from Midwest Athletic Fields LLC in the amount of \$48,500.00, and if after speaking to Midwest Athletic Fields LLC they are not able to get our field done in a timely manner, the renovation project go with Hutchinson Property Services for \$46,000.00. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Joe Boll requested Wade Berget to begin getting bids for the backstop padding and dugout benches, to bring those bids before the committee for approval in the coming months.

Discussion was held regarding the 2025 Programs and Fees. A copy of the proposed 2025 Programs and Fees were included in the agenda packet. After a discussion, a motion was made by Lindstrom, seconded by Winslow, to approve the proposed 2025 Programs and Fees as presented. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the 2025 Summer Employment Wages. A copy of the proposed 2025 Summer Employment Wages was included in the agenda packet. After a discussion, a motion was made by Winslow, seconded by Staver, to approve the proposed 2025 Summer Employment Wages as presented. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Discussion only was held regarding the current gym usage.

Motion by Staver, seconded by Ringen, to adjourn the meeting at 7:12pm. Voice vote. Motion carried.

CITY OF DARLINGTON

Kim Winslow, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

