

**LA PORTE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
BOARD MINUTES
JUNE 15, 2022**

The meeting was called to order by President Mitch Feikes, who also let the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance. Also in attendance was Nicole Messacar, Joseph Ault, Karen Ellison, Jake Huelat, Denise Bealor, Pam Carroll, Mark Schreiber, Karyl Feikes and Roberta Mumaw.

Recognitions

None

Minutes

The minutes of the previous months meeting were unanimously approved on a motion by Denise Bealor, seconded by Karen Ellison.

Bills and Claims

The bills and claims in the amount of \$112,378.17 were unanimously approved on a motion by Jake Huelat, seconded by Nicole Messacar.

Public Comment

None

Sub-Committee

None

Old Business

None

New Business

Mark Schreiber requested that the Board approve a policy that would allow a sign to be placed at Stone Lake Beach house pavilion prohibiting the area to be used for private parties. There have been several instances of individuals using the area for their gatherings which hinders the public and concessionaire from using the area. A motion to approve a policy and place a sign prohibiting exclusive use of the Stone Lake Beach house pavilion was passed unanimously on a motion by Nicole Messacar, seconded by Jake Huelat.

Mark Schreiber requested permission from the Board to allow parking off roads as well as to allow events to operate past 10:00pm during LakeFest July 29-31. The motion was unanimously approved on a motion by Karen Ellison, seconded by Nicole Messacar.

Mark Schreiber informed the Board that the Board of Works has approved the request to spend ARP funds to replace the theater seats at the Civic Auditorium. The quote can be canceled anytime prior to August 26 should the Park Board choose not

approve the selection, or the City Council chooses not to approve the funding. The install of the seats would also include widening the aisles, install railings, lighting and become ADA acceptable. The seating will cost approximately \$400,000 delivered and installed but does not include the demo of the old seats. A motion to approve the seating style and project for the Civic was made by Nicole Messacar, seconded by Denise Bealor. The warranty is a 5-year warranty for normal wear and tear. Brett Binversie stated that he will attempt to sell the seats that are removed, and maybe even use some of them for seating in the lobby and hallway. The motion for the seat project and style was unanimously approved.

Board Member/Department Head Comments

Mark Schreiber stated that Cindy Polito, Director at the Senior Center is doing a wonderful job and the seniors are happy with the direction of the program. We have received the HFL grant to fund the Center for the remainder of the year.

Mark Schreiber stated that we will be getting more aggressive with individuals that leave their car parked in the parks after hours. There is an ordinance making this a \$50 fine, which may need to be looked at and possibly changed in the future.

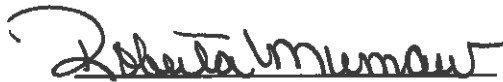
Mark Schreiber informed the Board that the first set of 4 kayak lockers have been installed with the additional 12 arriving mid-July. The kayak rental unit will be installed within the next few weeks. There will be a formal dedication for the kayak launch in August.

Nicole Messacar informed all that the DNR has released their next level of conservation trust fund. This is the largest infusion of state dollars into conservation land acquisition at 25 million dollars. This is for land purchase only and is a 1-3 match with no cap. The application process is open for the next year.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Jake Huelat, seconded by Joe Ault.



Mitch Feikes, President



Roberta Mumaw, Secretary

Approved: 7.20.22