

Park Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 1, 2023 at 5:00 P.M.
City Hall Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER – Chairperson Carpenter called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

2. ROLL CALL - Roll call was taken: Derek Lundell, Council Member – present, Ken Carpenter – present, Steve Nordin – present, Chuck Widholm – present, Becky Youngmark - present
Also present: City Administrator Neil Jensen, Utility Clerk Ellen Hartman, Police Chief Jeff McCormick, Tim Dehmer

3. MINUTES

Action – *Motion by Youngmark, second by Widholm, to approve the minutes, passing unanimously.*

4. PUBLIC INPUT - None

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Cannon Valley Fair Sign - Kurtz

Jensen reported on a request to place a sign advertising the fair on the JBP fence facing Hwy 19.

Action – *Motion by Youngmark, second by Lundell, to approve the temporary Cannon Valley Fair sign on the John Burch Park fence, passing unanimously.*

B. Pool Update

Jensen reported that the pool will open on June 5, 2023. Youngmark questioned how the pool staff would handle transgender people using the changing rooms; Youngmark suggested adding family bathrooms, port-a-potties, or doors in the changing area. Jensen and McCormick advised that pool staff should call the PD for assistance if there was a complaint. Widholm commented that enforcement by pool staff would be difficult; Nordin questioned if creating privacy areas in the changing room was possible. Lundell stated that the discussion was a solution in search of a problem. Jensen advised that the League of Minnesota Cities has resources to guide cities.

Action – *Motion by Youngmark, second by Nordin, to request Administrator Jensen consult with the League of Minnesota Cities on gender rules at a public swimming facility. Motion carried 3-2 with Youngmark, Nordin, Carpenter in favor and Lundell and Widholm opposed.*

6. CONTINUING BUSINESS

A. Pickleball Court Update

Jensen reported that all the parts for the net are in and court should be functional soon.

7. REPORTS

A. Staff – None

B. Commissioners – Widholm commented that Streets and Parks Supervisor Tony Haan has the pool running well. Youngmark commented that people were camping in Hannah’s Bend Park over the Memorial Day weekend; Jensen advised that the PD would handle campers, and other violations of park rules, if they get notified.

8. NEXT MEETING

Action – *Next meeting will be July 6, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. in council chambers.*

9. ADJOURNMENT

Action – *Motion made to adjourn the meeting at 5:41 p.m. by Widholm, second by Nordin, passing unanimously.*

Respectfully Submitted,
Ellen Hartman, Utility Clerk

-Minutes approved at July 25, 2023 meeting-