

**CITY OF EAGLE LAKE  
PARK BOARD MEETING  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 2021**

**Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by Chair Larson.

**Members Present:** Bridget Larson, Jeremy Horkey, Joan Back, Ryan Short, Beth Rohrich, Tim Auringer

**Members Absent:** Ryan Wersal

**Staff Present:** Jennifer Bromeland, Kerry Rausch, and Andrew Hartman

**Treasurer's Report**

- The treasurer's report was presented.

**Business**

1. Planning for Outdoor February 6<sup>th</sup> Winter Activities Event at Lake Eagle Park

- Administrator Bromeland reviewed the Governor's COVID-19 outdoor recreation guidelines which include social distancing, mask wearing, and number in attendance.
- Heather and Tia with Mankato's Community Education and Recreation (CER) presented activity ideas which include spray bottles to color snow, kickball, sledding, and trail station activities which could be done individually.
- Mankato CER will design flyers and help with activities and set up the day of the event.
- Activity stations will be spaced out to discourage people from clustering.
- A scavenger hunt will be held but will not be a competition.
- City staff will secure sponsors.
- The warming house will be used for setting up refreshments. Volunteers will staff the warming house with participants being served outside.
- City staff, Community Education staff and Park Board member will determine where the stations will be located.
- Discussion included the idea of blocking a section of the parking lot so that participants can safely access the warming house for refreshments.
- Ice rink times may be changed to allow for free skating during the event.
- A small portion of Thomas Drive may be blocked to allow safe sledding.
- Public Works has wood that will need to be split to use for the fire pits.
- Event will be held from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Administrator Bromeland will handle volunteer assignments.

2. Ice Rink Updates

- Administrator Bromeland explained there have been issues with the lights at the ice rink and stated the lights have been reconfigured to come on automatically at 4:00 pm and off at 10:00 p.m.
- Pricing to upgrade the lighting to LED lights has been obtained with an estimate from BLK coming in at \$5,000 and from Ploog Electric at \$7,400. Discussion included that Public Works would need to plow around the rink for any work to be done on the lights. Consensus is that with the lights coming on automatically this could wait until the spring.

- Council Member Terrell expressed to staff his concern about lighting on the sledding hill. Staff has looked into options for repairing the sledding hill light which may need to have the eye of the light adjusted. Mr. Ploog with Ploog Electric mentioned that Xcel Energy may be able to install a flood light on the hill. Staff will check into what monthly fee of a flood light would be.
- Zamboni Rental – The Zamboni has not been transported to Eagle Lake yet. The operator will be paid \$50 per time used. Discussion included the need for the Park Board to set a budget and how effective will it be on an outdoor rink. All Seasons Arena has mentioned that Eagle Lake's rink is better than those in Mankato and that Mankato residents are using Eagle Lake's rink. Administrator Bromeland stated she has surveyed other cities and Eagle Lake is one of the few communities with an outdoor rink open. Rink closed signs were suggested for when appropriate.

### 3. Updates

- On New Year's Day the ballfield area was torn up with ATV tracks. They came up and down the hill a few times. Field was not damaged.
- Calls have been received at City Hall about a hole in the ice on the pond in Lake Eagle Park and that there are dead fish on the ice. A snow fence was put up which did not deter the kids.