

**CITY OF EAGLE LAKE  
PARK BOARD MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2021**

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Chairperson Bridget Larson at 6:50 a.m.

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

**Staff Present:** Kerry Rausch, Jennifer Bromeland, and Brian Goettl

**Treasurer's Report**

- The treasurer's report was presented.

**Business**

1. Letter of Resignation from Park Chair Bridget Larson

- Due to moving out of city limits Bridget Larson has submitted her resignation from the Park Board.

2. Discuss Appointment of New Park Board Chair and Need for Additional Park Board Member

- The Park Board Chair duties were explained, and Jeremy Horkey volunteered to serve at the Park Board chair.

3. Message from Resident about Tree Lighting

- A suggestion was received about decorating trees for the holidays and sell the lights as a fundraiser. Ideas were discussed pertaining to logistics, such as location and electrical needs, and it was determined that this is an idea which could be pursued in future years but would be difficult to organize this year.

4. Hockey Rink Update from Public Works

- Painting of Rink Boards - Brian Goettl stated that the fire department hired a paint crew to do some painting and stated he would like to look into these are the skating rink. He will look into getting pricing.
- Netting Replacement for fencing - Sun Up Construction has been contacted to get pricing. Staff is looking at 6-foot-talls panel and would recommend replacing the siding after this is installed. Discussion included installing netting around the entire rink and there is a need to look at the bigger picture in that this rink is a skating rink and basketball court as well. Park Board members were encouraged to check out the ice rink by Stoltzman Road in Mankato which has netting around entire rink. Consensus was that netting would be a better option than boards.
- Rink Lighting Schedule - The timer will be adjusted for the winter season.
- Warming House Maintenance Needs Before Skating Season – The warming house will be open this year and rubber mats will need to be laid over concrete. The picnic benches in the area of the skating rink last year were widely used and should be placed in that area again this year, with public work aware that snow should be removed from them.
- Other Miscellaneous Items - Items discussed included dogs off leash at park and whether more signs stating dogs must be leashed should be installed. The other item discussed is the number of people parking by the restroom, some of which block the trail. Closing the gate at the top of the hill was discussed and that public works would just need to open and close the gate when they need access.

5. Update on Plastic Recycling Drive

- The Park Board has reached the 500-pound goal for plastic collection and a bench will be ordered. With different organizations participating in these recycling challenges, it was discussed that each organization should determine the location of the bench they have earned. The Park Board stated they would like to have their bench used in city hall. The Lions Club would like theirs to be placed in Eagle Heights Park.

6. Timeline and Next Steps for Park Pavilion

- This will be discussed at the next meeting.

7. Holiday Lights Contest Judging

- One resident indicated they were hoping for the “theme” category and another asked for a “community choice” vote as well. It was decided that themed designs will be judged under the “classical” category and that research on how to do a community choice vote could be handled so that there would only be one vote per person.

8. Recap of Recent MN DNR Inspection at Parks

- This will be discussed at the next meeting.

9. Winter Event in 2022

- Community Education and Recreation will be contacted to see if they would be available to assist with this event again in 2022. Suggestions for improvement included having a table for hot chocolate and that the scavenger hunt needs to be located at the front table. A popcorn machine will be looked into and the burn barrels were well received last year.