

**CITY OF EAGLE LAKE
PARK BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2022**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chair Horkey at 6:49 a.m.

Members Present: Don Wesely, Jeremy Horkey, Shane Wendland, Beth Rohrich, Joan Back, and Tim Auringer

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

Treasurer's Report

- The treasurer's report was presented.

Business:

1. Lake Eagle Park Master Planning Process (Continued)

- The draft park survey prepared by Jonathan with Bolton and Menk was reviewed with suggestions compiled. With an EDA survey going out to residents the week of April 25th, it was decided that the park survey would be conducted during the summer months with public engagement during public events such as Music on Parkway and Tator Days.
- Programming ideas were discussed, such as soccer and children's theatre. Discussion included if there would be a need to hire a part-time park activities director position. This may be something Community Ed could do for the City or the City could look into a college intern option.
- Staff is waiting to hear if a shelter option discussed previously would be able to be relocate, if so desired.

2. Update on Memorial Bench and Balance Beams (PW Director Goettl)

- Public Works Director Brian Goettl stated the balance beams for Mara Hoffner's memorial will be installed before the week of May 19th in Lake Eagle Park where the truck is currently located and the truck will be moved. The United Way is doing programming within the school district for mental health awareness. Discussion included if the City would hold an event and discussion included the desire to let the family have their own time and that the City could include an article in a newsletter to inform residents of why these beams were installed.
- The memorial bench for Graham Waibel will be installed by the legion. A meeting with the family to determine the exact location will be held and will be brought to council for approval

3. Memorial Benches and Other Memorial Options

- Board members were encouraged to review information included in the packet regarding additional ideas for memorial benches for future consideration.

4. Baseball Fields Update

- Staff from East High School found a small sink hole on the baseball field that they feel is not safe and therefore cancelled using this field this year. City staff are looking at a short-term solution.
- Discussion included what the City's and MAYBA's rolls are relating to field maintenance
- Brian Goettl stated that the entire backfield is in poor condition due to being peat ground. Once the frost leaves the ground much of this area will settle down. Mr. Goettl stated he would like to speak with MAYBA about reseeding the outfield. The Public Works department will fill the hole with dirt. The estimated cost to improve the outfield is \$5,000.
- It was stated that MAYBA has done an excellent job maintaining and improving the infield and the Park Board stated they want to maintain a good working relationship with MAYBA.
- Concern was expressed that there may be tension between the Eagle Lake Expos and MAYBA.

- The possibility of the City purchasing a roller to pull behind the lawn mower to help maintain the outfield may want to be considered.
- It was stated that MAYBA uses the smaller ballfield for in-house games.

5. 3 on 3 Basketball and Hockey Summer Concept – Park Rink (Don Wesely)

- Don Wesely presented an idea of organizing scheduled 3 on 3 basketball and hockey events this summer in the hopes of establishing activities for youth ages 8-15. Detail plans were presented, and he is looking into adult volunteers to monitor these events. This would not be a huge investment for the City with an estimated cost of \$2,000 to purchase needed equipment and make the needed improvements.
- The Park Board directed Don Wesely to bring an itemized listing of materials needed and cost to the next Park Board meeting for approval.

6. T-ball Update - Jeremy

- Not discussed.

7. Rec on the Go! Dates

- Dates have been scheduled for Wednesday in June, July, and August at various times and all three parks within the community.

8. Outdoor Movie Under the Stars Date

- The movie event features the movie *SING* and will be held on September 9th at 6:00 p.m. at Eagle Lake Elementary School.