

**CITY OF EAGLE LAKE
PARK BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, September 7, 2022**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Horkey at 6:48 a.m.

Members Present: Ryan Short, Beth Rohrich, Jeremy Horkey, Tim Auringer, and Shane Wendland

Staff Present: Jennifer Bromeland, Brian Goettl, and Mandy Auringer

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was presented.

Business

1. Outdoor Movie Night at Eagle Lake Elementary School

- The outdoor movie will be *Sing 2* on Friday, September 9th with family events starting at 6:00 p.m. Community Ed will be bringing trading cards to hand out to the kids. Community Ed created an event page on FB with information, the city will also send out a reminder.
- Volunteers will be needed and can arrive at 5:45 p.m.
- Public Works will coordinate with the school custodian to drop off picnic tables and garbage cans. Bruenders will be dropping off a handicapped porta potty Friday morning.
- Ryan Short asked if they had a reschedule date in case of rain. Administrator Bromeland stated that that would fall to Community Ed to make that decision on whether to reschedule or cancel.

2. Miscellaneous Park Updates

- Brian Goettl met with the Girl Scouts. The mulch around the trees, fire hydrants, and large culvert was placed. A platform with a ramp and a bench were built and will be placed in the dog park. Other items they are considering for the dog park are a triple hoop jump, leash posts, and dog park signs. Any leftover funds they would like to donate back to the City for dog park improvements next year.
- Types of signs were discussed from small ones pointing out the direction to the dog park and a full bar sign to go below the large Lake Eagle Park sign.
- Brian has been in contact with MAYBA with field improvements they would like to make. They will be pouring new concrete inside of the dugouts. They would like to place a shed by the fence and an irrigation system.
- Bellissimos Painting will be pressure washing the ice rink and bathroom and then painting.
- Public Works will be spraying to kill crab grass and weeds. Parking lots have been repainted with new handicapped parking spots. Dog leash signs have been installed around the parks. Brian will contact Drummer for shade trees in Eagle Heights Park.
- Administrator Bromeland received a complaint from a resident who would like to see the nature park brought back. Some of the issues with the nature park are maintenance and mosquitos. It was discussed to talk to the Lions Club to see if they would be interested in maintaining the nature park.
- Shane Wendland asked if shade trees could be placed at Frazee Park since there is not very much for shaded areas. Beth Rohrich stated she'd like to see some funds start to be put aside for Frazee park improvements and that future discussions should take place on how to update the park.
- Jeremy Horkey stated he has asked MAYBA for a few years now to move the bases on the softball field from 65 feet to 70 feet. He has a few tournaments he is looking at scheduling and would like the bases moved before them. Brian stated he could order the base pins and could get them moved if MAYBA doesn't.
- Administrator Bromeland brought up how bad the pond looks and how to best remove the duckweed. Brian stated that the water level is about 6 inches lower, and more water is needed to flow through to clear it out. Jeremy asked if maybe we could contact the DNR and partner with them to find solutions other than chemicals or possibly get help from the MSU forestry department.

- Mayor Auringer talked about when new developments are created, they have to set aside designated park land or funds for park land. The Park Board should look at if a park is needed in the Fox Meadows and possibly the Motor Sports Park. If there is no need for a park in certain developments, then the city would have funds for other park land.

3. Park Survey Results

- Administrator Bromeland went over the park survey results and will email to all board members for review. Beth stated she didn't feel the survey gave them any direction in what the citizens would like as we are unsure of the age groups who responded. Discussion ensued about updating the website with park information, so people are aware of what amenities Eagle Lake parks have to offer. Google Maps was also discussed and the need to add photos. Administrator Bromeland is going to look into having an intern from MSU help out with Google Map updates.
- Mayor Auringer stated he noticed on the survey that people want activities at the parks. He stated we have the amenities, but now we should look at programming at the parks. Could we contact Community Ed and see about getting some programs with Eagle Lake locations? Beth stated that we have a few programs like Rec on the Go for children but should look at getting some programs for teens and adults. She also brought up having separate times for different age groups for open gym nights at the school.

Mandy Auringer
Administrative Clerk