

**CITY OF EAGLE LAKE
PARK BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2019**

Call to Order:

Chairperson Bridget Larson called the meeting to order at 6:45 a.m.

Members Present: Bridget Larson, Jeremy, Ryan Short, Beth Rohrich, Tim Auringer, and Joan Back.

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

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer's report was presented.

Business:

1. Splash Pad, Jake Schrom and Jamie Sorensen

- Jake Schrom and Jamie Sorensen asked if there was interest from the park board for them to look into details of what it would take to bring a splash pad to Eagle Lake. They have met with the City of Mapleton who recently installed a 30 x 30-foot splash pad and needed accessory building and obtained their construction costs.
- Discussion included the need to determine annual and long-term maintenance costs. City liability/risk would need to be determined. Appropriate location would need to be determined.
- The park board indicated this project should be considered in their strategic planning.
- Lisa Pottenger may be a good contact for information that has been previously gathered.

2. Recap of Outdoor Movie Event and Feedback for Future Events

- An estimated 250 people attended this event held at the school, which was a good location.
- Recommendations for next event would be to move activities and meal to 6:00 pm and to play a more current movie title.

3. Music in the Park Grant Request

- A grant has been submitted to Southern MN Initiative Foundation (SMIF). If funds are awarded Council Member Garrett Steinberg will organize music in the park events.
- If grant funding is not received it would be possible to offer these events on a smaller scale.

4. Winter Park Event and Coordination with Kim Daschner and the Shop Local Holiday Campaign

- A meeting will be set up for Bridget Larson, Administrator Bromeland, and Kim Daschner to meet to determine if joint activities can be held promoting shopping locally during the holiday season and a community type event.
- Another winter event promoting the city parks was discussed which included ideas such as snowshoeing, sledding, boot hockey and regular hockey.

5. Eagle Heights Playground Equipment

- Administrator Bromeland will be sending a letter to the Eagle Heights residents informing them of the status of a playground in Eagle Heights.
- After reviewing the rendering of proposed playground equipment, a subcommittee decided to meet to look into all options for playground equipment, matching funds and discounts from various companies to ensure the best pricing can be obtained.
- Possible local fundraising options were discussed which included the desire to reach out to larger companies in Mankato and local civic organizations.

6. 2020 Goals and Funding Needs/Budget Request

- The October Park Board meeting will be devoted to 2020 goal setting and 5-year strategic planning.

All Park Board members were tasked with visiting each city park and to bring feedback to the October planning meeting.