

**CITY OF EAGLE LAKE
PARK BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, March 13, 2025**

Call to Order

Present: Don Wesely, Joan Back, and Anthony White

Staff Present: Deputy Clerk Rausch and Public Works Director Hartman

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was presented.

New Business

1. Dave Serdar Welcome and Introduction

- Mr. Serdar was unable to attend. The Park Board would like to meet Mr. Serdar before making a recommendation to the City Council on his appointment to the Park Board.

2. Park Lighting Update

- Public Works Director Hartman stated that he is working on obtaining quotes.

3. Expos Update and Request

- Mitch Kleist with the Eagle Lake Expos highlighted future improvements they would like to make to the baseball field. One item is to install field lighting some time in the future. To do this, used lights would need to be identified and appropriate placement would be needed. Light poles and electrical work would be an additional cost. Neighborhood concerns would also need to be considered. By installing lighting this field would be a good tournament site due to very limited full-sized ball fields in the surrounding area.
- A temporary fencing system down the third base line would create esthetic appeal and would not affect the sledding hill. The fence would be installed in the spring and removed in the fall.
- Bleachers and fence capping. Funding from the Eagle Lake Fire Department and MAYBA will be used to purchase a 5-row, 21-foot-long bleacher. It will have fence backing which will allow for signage to be hung. It is anticipated that the new bleacher will be installed to be ready for the East High School baseball season.
- Fence capping will be ordered to provide safety and improve esthetics as well.
- Mitch requested to store a chest freezer in the control room. Andrew Hartman indicated he would be okay with this.

4. Rec on the Go

- No update

5. Tennis Courts

- No update

6. Open Gym Update

- Anthony White stated that the turnout was not great and that it is uncertain if this will be held again. If it is held again the time should be reduced to an hour and a half. This should be reviewed again next year.
- Walking at the School had only a few participants. There were questions as to why this was limited to persons age 55 plus and that younger people would be interested as well.

7. Other Items

- Don Wesely asked if netting for the basketball courts could be installed behind the basketball hoops to keep the balls in.
- The 3 on 3 basketball summer event in the mornings was not as well attended as the evenings event.
- Trail repair discussion included that it may be best to repair/replace the entire trail at one time instead of patching sections. Andrew Hartman expressed concerns about if there is an adequate base laid for the trail.
- The Active Adults group will be held through the end of April and then take the summer off, resuming in the fall.

Respectfully submitted,

Kerry Rausch
Deputy Clerk

