

**CITY OF EAGLE LAKE
PARK BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, JULY 11, 2024**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Administrator Bromeland.

- Present: Shane Wendland, Beth Rohrich, Don Wesely, and Joan Back
- Staff: Andrew Hartman, Kerry Rausch, and Jennifer Bromeland

Treasurer's Report

- The Treasurer's Report was presented.

New Business

1. Bench Concept: Jo Bailey

- Jo Bailey with Sign Pro presented an idea to bring more benches to Eagle Lake. She explained that Sign Pro has had benches positioned in Mankato for several years and that due to constructions projects in Mankato the benches are no longer needed. Sign Pro is looking to repurpose these benches. The backs of the benches can be either advertisement or artwork.
- Sign Pro would donate the benches and the City would pay for refurbishing which would be refurbished by Sign Pro. The city would have Sign Pro produce the graphics that go onto the bench.
- The Park Board decided they would like to decline this proposal stating they the city has several benches and more are not needed at this time.

2. Basketball Hoops Project Update

- The basketball hoops have been installed and are being used. Public Works will determine how to re-install the fencing.
- The Park Board thanked Don Wesely for spearheading this project.
- Banners with donor's names will be displayed this summer and next summer and then can be removed.

3. Status of New Trees for Eagle Heights Park

- Public Works Director Hartman has reached out to the contractor who indicated it would still be a few weeks before the trees are installed.

4. Park Board Members Top Priorities for Parks

- Park Board members shared their top priorities which included:
 - Frazee Park shade area, remove volleyball courts and gaga ball court, identify cost of adding a t-ball field.
 - Tennis Courts/Pickleball Courts – need to get cost estimate.
 - Lake Eagle Park – fix and add more lighting including along trail by LeSueur Avenue. Public Works would need to get cost of electrician wiring system. in this area. Administrator Bromeland will check to see if Xcel Energy could do such an installation. Pond esthetics was also mentioned as a priority.
- Fall 2024 Priorities:
 - Remove gaga and volleyball in Frazee Park and reseed areas.

- Replace hockey nets in Lake Eagle Park.
- Determine cost of wood chip replacement at all three parks for 2025.
- Recruit youth members to the Park Board.

- Top Park Board Priorities
 - Pricing for lighting,
 - Update priority list
 - Recruit youth members
 - Set aside money each year for playground equipment.

- 5. Fall Park Day Event
 - Don Wesely presented an idea for a City-Wide Park Day in which several events would take place. He asked the Park Board if this is something they would like to organize because it would take the entire committee to offer such an event. Park Board members expressed interest.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kerry Rausch
Deputy Clerk