

**CITY OF EAGLE LAKE
PARK BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, JULY 13, 2023**

Call to Order

- Members Present: Beth Rohrich, Jeremy Horkey, Ryan Short, Don Wesely, and Joan Back
- Staff Present: Public Works Director Andrew Hartman, City Administrator Jennifer Bromeland, and Deputy Clerk Kerry Rausch

Treasurer's Report

- The treasurer's report was presented.
- Administrator Bromeland stated that \$50,000 will again be requested for the Park Board in the budget planning process for 2024 unless the Park Board requests something different.

New Business

1. Park Shelter Project

a. Structural Engineering Review Update

- Information was sent to the contractor, Joe Murilla, after the City Council accepted his bid. His plans were sent onto Bolton & Menk for review. Administrator Bromeland and Public Works Director Hartman are working with Bolton and Menk on the structural design review process. Bolton and Menk did a review and sent back comments and noted information that they are looking for. Mr. Murilla will work with Bolton and Menk to provide them with what they are asking for. It was discussed that the pavilion is still on schedule to be completed in 2023.

b. Fundraising and Grant Opportunities and Next Steps

- Administrator Bromeland and Deputy Clerk Rausch explained that setting up a Venmo account for the City has been problematic in that the app wants to attach it to a phone number which in this case would be connected to an employee's personal information.
- Other options such as Go Fund Me and PayPal were discussed.
- The Park Board expressed a desire for Administrator Bromeland to start applying for grants.
- Fundraising options were discussed which included sending letters to businesses and postcards to residents.

2. Naming History of Lake Eagle Park

- Administrator Bromeland explained that a council member was asked about the name of Lake Eagle Park and that the City Council discussed this at their July Council meeting.
- The Park Board discussed that there is a rock by the flag pole at the park indicating the park was dedicated in the late 1970's but members shared that they didn't know the history behind the park's name. Member Rohrich contacted the BE County Historical Society and confirmed that Lake Eagle Park is the correct name and it is. The consensus is that more research is needed before looking at changing the name.

3. Veteran's Memorial Concept

- Administrator Bromeland stated the City was approached and asked to consider establishing a veteran's memorial.
- The Park Board expressed excitement about establishing a veteran's memorial but also stated this may not be a project for the Park Board and that the City Council may want to consider this and possibly establish a committee to research possibilities and funding.
- Possible locations were discussed with consensus being that a high foot traffic location would be desired.

3. Northwestern Portion of City Owned Lot Identified as Parcel #120913279029

- Beth Rohrich asked if this parcel which is located on LeSueur Avenue, west of the trail would be a viable option for pickleball courts. She also stated there is excitement about pickleball and that this sport will continue to grow.
- Discussion included the current location of the tennis and pickleball courts and the needs for surface repairs. Outside funding possibilities were discussed which included the possibility of ISD 77 and the Eagle Lake Elementary school. The school owns the land the tennis courts are on, but the City owns the courts themselves.

4. Other Items

- A couple of residents are wanting to establish a local youth soccer league in Eagle Lake. The issue discussed was location options for soccer fields.
- Member Rohrich stated that Garrett Steinberg has asked if the Park Board would consider organizing the Music on Parkway events going forward. She stated she would like to see this continue in the park instead of on Parkway Avenue.
- Administrator Bromeland expressed concern with the duckweed in the pond at the park and the appearance being an eyesore.
- Park Board members were encouraged to be forward-thinking and to keep the need for pickleball courts and updates to Frazee Park in mind. The current priority is the pavilion, but these two items were discussed and considered to be important.

Submitted by Kerry Rausch