

Minutes

Village of Elk Rapids Parks & Recreation Commission March 4, 2021

Present: James Dake, Paula Moyer Kwin Morris, Charlie Pryde, Gordon Stewart, Melissa West

Excused: Michael Conrad

Staff: Kaitlyn Szczypka

Dake calls meeting to order.

Motion to add Sean Quinn to new business-

MOTION to adjust the agenda by Stewart. Second by Pryde. **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION to approve agenda by Pryde. Second by Moyer. **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by **West** to approve February minutes. Second by **PRYDE** **MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION by **MOYER** to approve February special meeting minutes. Second by **WEST**
MOTION CARRIED

CITIZEN COMMENTS: n/a

NEW BUSINESS: Sean Quinn owner of Bayfront Beach and Bike to present. He also briefly talked about Trail Town. Quinn went on to share how the test year went with rentals in Memorial Park, how we approved the next season and then COVID hit. He is re proposing the plan to the board with safety in mind and looking to get a recommendation from P&R. He proposes a rental of bikes, tubes, kayaks at Memorial Park. Memorial to Labor day. Only open on 70 degree days. Removes tent daily. Also has other recreation items for people to use. Donated 2,200 dollars to P&R in the first season. West asked anticipation of anything being added. Gordon asks if the shed took upto much space. Charlie asks about the volleyball court. Charlie also brought up the process of awarding a contract for a vendor to be in city lands.

MOTION by: **WEST** Parks and Recreation Board approve that a recreation vendor with no permanent footprint by located in the park with a note that we had a positive experience with Bayfront Beach and Bike **SECOND** by Pryde **MOTION CARRIED**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Spring into Summer Event

West listed the many groups interested in this event. Pryde asked about responses. Jen Wilson discussed having a letter of intent by March 12th. Will follow up and re contact the initial contact list to see what they are planning to do. May 1st will start promotional plans by working with the city to put on a website along with flyers, posters, social media. Will reach out to restaurants to see they want to do a special menu, tasting, etc. Will reach out to schools to see if they will be involved with games, dance , face painting. Excited to bring the community together. Charlie asks what Parks and Rec can do to help. Start thinking about what activities the commission would like to see be done in the parks. The main goal is to get people into Elk Rapids and bring this community together. We talked about adding banners or asking if we had a budget to support that. Many ideas discussed. Yoga to start and end. Stand Up for Great Lakes with Beachfront for paddling. Butterfly house.

B. Budget-

Dake talks abouts the new budget and how we reset recently. Charlie talks about spending money and how seven thousand was moved to the capital fund. He suggests to take a look at the park this Spring and make improvements.

MOTION by Stewart: move the hammock posts and repurpose them to a new location.
SECOND by WEST. **MOTION CARRIED**

Reports: Pryde: Certificate of Recognition to Bill Cooper and how we have a new city manager. Village president gave an apology about a board meeting about the library. Green ER Earth Day events during the week of April 24th. Council approves Rotary Park project with Paddle Antrim. Green ER

Correspondence -- Idea from Dianne Richter- Paddle Bike and Hike event for Elk Rapids

Tough Mudder was brought up

MOTION by Stewart to Adjourn. Second by West

ADJORNED

