

Minutes
Village of Elk Rapids
Parks and Recreation Commission
January 4, 2023

Present:

Ryan Paxson, Melissa West, Gordon Stewart, Paula Moyer, James Dake, Carol Heles

Staff: Village Manager Brian Gruesbeck

Paxson calls meeting to order

Motion to amend the agenda to postpone discussion of the Elk River Shoreline, swim program and Parks and Rec/Harbor Commission discussion by West. Second by Heles. **Motion Carried**

December minutes will be approved at the next meeting

Citizen Comments: A citizen requested having consistency between Commission meetings by adding citizen comments before the meeting is adjourned. The Commission agreed to add to the agenda in the future.

Unfinished Business:

- A. 5 Year Parks and Rec plan renewal: The draft of the plan is available for citizen comment.
- B. CommUnity event: Discussed holding the event Friday, January 20 at 6:00 at the ice rink, with January 27 the backup date if the ice is not frozen. Children will be offered a free hot chocolate, served by Marina staff and paid for with Parks and Rec funds. Heles will contact the Curling Club for a curling demonstration.
- C. Equipment Survey: A handout with pictures of 6 playground equipment options was presented. A survey will be sent out to the public mid January and paper copies will be available at the library and Village Office.
- D. Basketball Hoop Fence: No update.
- E. Norte Update: A trivia fundraiser will be held at Shorts Pull Barn Thursday, January 5.
- F. 2023 Budget Discussion: Paxson and West are attending a Village budget workshop Thursday, January 5.
- G. Shed Discussion: Discussed the organization and layout of the ice skates and benches in the shed. Purchasing a shelf unit will be explored. A maintenance worker has been hired to clear the snow. Discussed purchasing a new shed to use at the ice rink in the winter and the bathing beach in the summer for swim lesson equipment. Cost of a shed will be presented at the next meeting.
- H. New Projects that will affect the budget: Discussed the results of the survey, with pickleball the most requested activity.

New Business:

- A. Trail Project Clarification: The trail project of 2022 was the Paddle Antrim project at Rotary Park. Trail projects will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Correspondence: n/a

Reports: Village Council liaison West suggested the Parks and Rec and Harbor Commissions work more closely on recreational opportunities. The Council is working on a lighting ordinance and budget meetings. A search to replace the Village Manager will be initiated. Village offices will be closed during all federal holidays.

Next meeting Wednesday February 1, at 6:30 pm at the Government Center.

Motion by Stewart to Adjourn. Second by Dake. Meeting adjourned.