

**Village of Holmen
Park, Recreation, and Library Committee
Meeting Minutes - Wednesday, January 3, 2024**

Committee Chairman Wyss called the Holmen Park, Recreation, and Library Committee meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. on January 3, 2024 at the Holmen Village Hall.

Present: Micah Wyss, Travis Elam, Dawn Kulcinski, Mike Brogan, Chris Geary, Alex Inglett

Excused: Chis McArdle-Rojo

Guests: None

Motion by Kulcinski second by Elam to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2023 meeting. Carried unanimously.

Public Comment: None

Library Director's monthly report: There was no Library Director's report.

Park and Recreation Director's monthly report:

Recreation: Brogan informed the committee of the programs that are in progress which include: adult volleyball league and youth indoor soccer. Brogan informed the committee of the upcoming programs which include baking buddies, Zumba, youth basketball and spring soccer signup. Brogan stated that the spring and summer brochure is being prepared for distribution in mid-February.

Parks: Brogan stated that park shelter reservations began on January 2nd and 42 reservations were taken on the first day.

Pool: Brogan stated that staff job inquiries will be sent out this month.

The committee reviewed a 2024 playground woodchip proposal from Natural Solutions LLC. Brogan stated that the proposal is for blown in woodchips at a 3" depth and would cover 15 total parks. Brogan stated that going with this proposal would save staff a lot of work. Wyss asked how the cost differed from last year with staff spreading the woodchips. Brogan stated that it probably would have cost \$12,000-\$15,000 last year but 2024 is factoring in the new parks. Elam asked if the woodchip place in Holmen was contacted. Brogan stated that it wasn't because they have to be certified playground woodchips and there are only a few places that have them. **Motion by Elam second by Kulcinski to recommend to the Board approval of the 2024 playground woodchip proposal from Natural Solutions LLC in the amount of \$24,939.00. Carried unanimously.**

The committee reviewed a quote for a John Deere 1585 mower, comfort cab, 72" mower deck and 60" angling blade. Brogan stated that the quote involves trading in our 2016 1575 mower for \$18,169.74. Brogan stated that \$35,000.00 was budgeted. Wyss asked if the deck and front blade are compatible with the 1575. Brogan stated that they are compatible. Wyss asked if we priced anything out anywhere else. Brogan stated that they didn't because Tractor Central owns all of the John Deere dealerships and staff want a specific brand and model. Brogan stated that staff also likes the service and proximity of Tractor Central. **Motion by Elam second by Kulcinski to recommend to the Board approval of the purchase of a John Deere 1585 mower, comfort cab, 72" mower deck and 60" angling front blade from Tractor Central in the amount of \$34,739.16. Carried unanimously.**

Other Business: Kulcinski thanked Brogan and stated that she appreciated his service to the Village. Kulcinski thanked Inglett for running the letters to Santa. Kulcinski stated that she received a lot of positive feedback from the community. Elam thanked Brogan for working with

the committee and all of his work in the department. Wyss congratulated Brogan on his retirement and everything he has built up in the park system.

Motion by Elam, second by Kulcinski to adjourn at 5:58 p.m. Motion carried.

Chris Geary
Asst. Park & Recreation Director