

**Village of Holmen
Park, Recreation, and Library Committee
Meeting Minutes - Wednesday, March 6, 2024**

Committee Chairman Wyss called the Holmen Park, Recreation, and Library Committee meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. on March 6, 2024 at the Holmen Village Hall.

Present: Micah Wyss, Travis Elam, Dawn Kulcinski, Chis McArdle-Rojo, Chris Geary, Alex Inglett

Excused: None

Guests: None

Motion by Kulcinski second by Elam to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2024 meeting. Carried unanimously.

Public Comment: None

Library Director's monthly report: McArdle-Rojo shared the March program lineup. McArdle-Rojo stated that there has been a great increase in the library's numbers from 2022 to 2023 and that the library has fully recovered from the pandemic. McArdle-Rojo also informed the committee that the delivery van has been a great asset to those in the community that are in assisted living. Elam asked if there are statistics on computer use at the library. McArdle-Rojo told the committee that she would bring those numbers to the next committee meeting.

Park and Recreation Director's monthly report:

Recreation: Geary informed the committee that the hiring of spring and summer staff is underway and that the Spring and Summer Activity Guide is now out and available to the public. Geary told the committee that registration for summer programs opened on March 4th. Geary stated that the winter programs that wrapped up last month include: basketball, adult fitness, adult volleyball, cheerleading and indoor youth soccer. Geary stated that the programs that are starting in March include: cake decorating, adult fitness classes, Impact volleyball, adult painting and spring soccer. Geary also informed the committee that the majority of recreation supplies were ordered in January or February. Elam stated that the activity guide looks good and asked where it would be on display. Geary stated there would be copies in Village Hall and other various places around the village.

Parks: Geary stated that staff are preparing facilities for spring and that the lack of snow has allowed them to get soccer goals and nets up already. Geary also informed the committee that 2 new tennis nets have been ordered for Deer Wood Park. Wyss asked if the other tennis nets would need to be replaced soon. Geary stated that the other 2 nets were replaced a few years ago so they are staggered in age.

Pool: Geary stated that hiring is in progress for 2024 pool staff and that there is a good return rate of 2023 staff already. Geary also stated that there have been a good number of new applicants as well. Director Geary informed committee members that pool memberships for both individuals and families are for sale.

The committee reviewed a proposal for a new pool heating system from Ahern. Geary stated that Ahern has serviced the Holmen Aquatic Center pool heaters for a very long time and that the new heater was put in the budget in July of 2023. He informed the committee that the new system will be more efficient and that last year it took approximately 2 weeks to get the old one up and running because of the buildup and other various issues. Geary stated that Ahern will have everything installed in the spring and will come back when the pool is filled to calibrate and ensure the system is running properly. Geary stated that \$130,000.00 was budgeted and that replacement parts are much easier to find with the new system. **Motion by Kulcinski second by Elam to recommend to the Board approval of the purchase of the pool heating system from Ahern in the amount of \$126,000.00. Carried unanimously.**

The committee reviewed a quote for a John Deere 1200A Bunker and Field Rake. Geary stated that there was \$20,000.00 budgeted. Geary informed the committee that Van-Wall Equipment ensured that the quote was extended past the board meeting. Geary stated that the baseball field at Seven Bridges will be used 5-7 days per week from April through August and that this machine both fills holes and drags the field. Wyss asked if staff would move the old machine to Seven Bridges and keep the new one at Deer Wood since there are 3 fields at Deer Wood. Geary stated that the new one would most likely stay at Deer Wood and the older machine would be moved to Seven Bridges. **Motion by Kulcinski second by Elam to recommend to the Board approval of the purchase of a John Deere 1200A Bunker and Field Rake from Van-Wall Equipment in the amount of \$20,500.00. Carried unanimously.**

Other Business: Wyss asked if Deer Wood was the only park that had signs reminding patrons to clean up after dogs and that dogs must be on leash. Geary stated that it was the ordinance at all of the parks in the Village but there are signs at Deer Wood because that is where most problems and complaints have come from. Wyss asked how it was being enforced. Geary stated that if the department hears complaints they recommend calling the police.

Motion by Elam, second by Kulcinski to adjourn at 5:52 p.m. Motion carried.

Alex Inglett
Asst. Park & Recreation Director