Committee Chairman Cain called the Holmen Park, Recreation, and Library Committee meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. on April 7, 2021 at the Holmen Village Hall.

Present: Brandon Cain, Micah Wyss, Dawn Kulcinski, Mike Brogan, Chris Geary, Chris McArdle-Rojo
Excused: Scott Heinig
Guests: Patrick Barlow

Motion by Wyss second by Kulcinski to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2021 meeting. Carried unanimously.

Public Comment: None

Library Director’s monthly report: McArdle-Rojo distributed the monthly program update and statistics. McArdle-Rojo stated that a memorial bench for Betty Wenberg was recently installed at the front of the library. McArdle-Rojo stated that there may be federal money coming in for libraries that could be used for future capital projects.

Park and Recreation Director’s monthly report:
Recreation: Brogan informed the committee of the programs that are currently in progress which include adult fitness classes, youth soccer and youth volleyball. Brogan informed the committee of upcoming programs in April which include adult men’s softball registration deadline, adult sand volleyball registration deadline, youth track, and viking youth soccer academy. Brogan distributed the 2021 Concerts in the Park poster. Trustee Wyss asked what the capacity of the rain location at the library was. Brogan stated that the capacity is 152 people. Trustee Wyss stated his concern that it may not be realistic to fit a concerts crowd in that space if a popular band is playing and that it may be beneficial to look into potential bigger alternate sites in that instance.

Parks: Brogan stated that Lee Recreation installed the new playground equipment at the five southern parks on April 1st. Brogan stated that concrete for the swings has to wait three weeks. Brogan stated that three semis (360 yards) of playground woodchips were ordered and delivered on April 1st and staff are spreading them on playgrounds this week. Brogan stated that park staff is busy daily with preparing softball/baseball fields, soccer fields, trail repairs and facilities for spring and summer activities. Brogan stated that the Deer Wood Park field lights were repaired by the manufacturer and all are working. Brogan stated that a bench was installed on the Deer Wood Park walking trail for the McCabe family. Brogan stated that a memorial bench for Betty Wenberg was installed at the front of the library. Brogan stated that a bench will be installed under the Hale Drive Bridge honoring the Eagle Scout shelter that was removed during the building of the bridge.

Pool: Brogan stated that a replacement sound system was ordered from Commercial AV Systems. Brogan stated that Matt Kosin is in the process of hiring pool staff for the summer. Brogan stated that there were few applicants for lifeguards and there is a need for more. Brogan stated that the funbrella replacements have been installed. Brogan stated that we have not yet received our pool slide engineering report from Midwest Design & Development (previously MBA Architects). President Barlow asked if the pool can be opened without the slide report. Brogan stated that technically the pool could be shut down without it, but the County is aware of the issue and a grace period could be given. Trustee Wyss asked if the report has already been paid for. Brogan stated that it has not. Brogan stated that Fischer Brothers has begun the pool repairs on the grates, caulik and tile at the pool.

The committee discussed potential park concepts for McGilvary, Pertzsch Farm and Seven Bridges parks with input from the committee, staff and community members. The committee gave staff their approval to go forward and seek proposals for design, specifications and bidding documents.

Other Business: None

Motion by Kulcinski, second by Wyss to adjourn at 5:43 p.m. Motion carried.
Chris Geary
Asst. Park & Recreation Director