

**City of Milbank: Parks and Recreation Board**  
**Regular Meeting: March 24, 2021**

**Members Present:**

1. **Call to Order & Roll Call:** Meeting was called to order by Brian at 6:01
    - a. Brian Sandvig, Steve Wenzl, Matt Wilson, Keith Weber, Rondi Scoular, Brian Pauli, Heidi Wellnitz, Jody Bear, John Forman, Dan Keyes, Cody Pohlen, Mike Hanson
  2. **Approval of the agenda:** Motion made by Heidi to approve agenda and seconded by Steve. Motion passed unanimously
    - a. **Motion was made by Brian to move item 6.2 to the top of the agenda.** Seconded by Keith. Motion passed
  3. **Public Participation:** Hisa Kilde, Val Waletich, Sarah Pulling, Tiffany Storm, Jenna Fieber
- 6.2 Risk Management – Unity Aquatics:
- a. Dan gave overview of where Unity is with the pool policy. 15 and under are not allowed to swim unless there is a lifeguard on duty.
  - b. Jenna F requested the pool be open earlier hours for younger families and children.
  - c. Tiffany S would really like to be able to take her kids swimming during the day
  - d. Val W stated she has been bring her daycare kids and teaching them to swim for 25 years. She stated they always follow the rules, and feel they are being penalized for others. Would like to see a form so parent/guardians are allowed to watch youth when there is not a lifeguard present
  - e. Hisa said she has been bringing her kids for years for therapy and that her kids do not like to come during open swim and like to swim laps and feels it is unfair that she cannot be responsible for them while they are in the water without a lifeguard.
  - f. Suggestions that were given: only members are able to access pool area when lifeguards are not present, a waiver system, a wristband system
  - g. Public would like to see more day time hours available, especially after school
  - h. **A motion was made by Steve for a committee to follow up on the waiver to present to the board at a special meeting that would allow it to be presented to the city council. The committee will be Brian S, Keith W and Heidi W. Seconded by Rondi. Motion passed**
    - i. Committee will look at the schedule, swim risk, and limits on open swim
4. **Staff Reports:**
    - a. **Parks & Rec Manager:** Dan gave overview of monthly doings. New time card system, met with Daktronics about new sign, working on the camera system, had Push, Pedal, Pull come and “tune-up” equipment, finalizing summer recreation programs. Gold and Tennis are ready to go and baseball is almost there. Hoping to open registration up early April.
    - b. Parks and Cemetery manager: repainted benches, cleaned up and put everything away for the ice rink, getting new benches put together and where they need to be.

**5. Other Reports:**

**a. Finance Committee:**

- i. Membership income will start coming in
- ii. Working on a corporate membership rate

**b. Bylaws Review Committee**

- i. Committee will be meeting tomorrow

**c. City Administrator**

- i. N/A

**d. Parks & Rec Board**

- i. A swimming, lifeguard, WSI course will be added into the high school handbook to be offered to high school students in hopes that will broaden the pool of lifeguards and swimming lesson teachers. Unity staff would proctor this course of approximately 80 hours.

**6. Discussion/Action**

**a. Proposed Unity Holiday Schedule**

- i. Matt W moved to approve the holiday schedule as submitted. Seconded by Steve. Motion passed

**b. Proposed Severe Weather Policy**

- i. The board would like to see some changes and additions made and would like to see a revision brought back next month.

**c. Approve the development of a Bicycle-Pedestrian Trail Committee**

- i. VQ would like to work with the board/committee to develop this plan.
  - 1. Group will need to make a master plan
- ii. Come back to board with proposal

**7. Consent Calendar**

- a. Heidi made a motion to approve the minutes from the 2-24-21 Park and Recreation Board Regular Meeting, 2-22-21 Finance committee Meeting and the 2-2021 End of February Expense Report, 2-2021 End of February Revenue Report. Seconded by Steve. Motion passed

**8. Next meeting:** April 28, 2020 at 6:00: Visitors' Center

**9. Special Meeting:** April 7 at 6:00 via Zoom

**10. Adjourn:**

- a. Motion to adjourn was made by Matt, seconded by Brian
- b. Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm

Respectfully Submitted by: Heidi Wellnitz, Secretary

Brian Sandvig, Park & Recreation Board President: \_\_\_\_\_

Dan Keyes, Park & Recreation Manager: \_\_\_\_\_