

**MINUTES - UNAPPROVED  
OWATONNA PARK AND RECREATION  
REGULAR PARK BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 26, 2023  
6:00 PM**

**Members Present:**

Chair: Jon Thiel

Vice Chair: Gina McGuire

Board Members: Tyler Cochran, Sara Baird, Kara Perry

**Members Absent:** Greg Posch, Jonathan Douglas

**Staff Present:**

Jenna Tuma, Parks, Recreation and Facilities Director

Tomas Gorycki, Recreation Supervisor

Eric Anderson, Recreation Manager

**Council Member:**

**LOCATION:** Buckham West 15 W Division St. Faribault

**OPENING BUSINESS**

- A. Call to Order at 6:00 pm
- B. Roll Call:

**APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 13, 2023, MINUTES**

Motion by Tyler Cochran to approve the March 13, 2023, Park Board Meeting Minutes and second by Jon Thiel. All members voted aye.

**PERSONS WISHING TO APPEAR**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Tour of the Faribault Senior Center and connect with Faribault Park Board and staff to share ideas and understanding each parks department, and have a better understanding of their work plans.
- Buckingham West Senior Facility tour and operations discussion
  - Tour of the facilities, original facilities, and addition
  - Senior operation is a 501C3, separate from the City operations, staffing and operations is funded through the 501C3.
    - 3 Full-time staff with volunteer support.
    - Operate a thrift store through volunteers, funds used for the senior center.
    - The City pays 45k annually to operations and picks up the utilities and custodian work. Successful model, well used by seniors, positive energy.
- Faribault Parks & Recreation information

- Have about 45 parks of various sizes
- Starting a task force for a new community center, will be at a new location, exploring a sales tax funding option. Will kick off this summer.
- Recently went through a department reorganization with staffing changes.
- The PR has a park dedication policy on residential, commercial and redevelopment.
- Their annual CIP is between \$400-700k depending on projects.
- Discussion around adaptive programming and meeting the needs of the community in programming.
- Discussion on their scholarship process and funding ideas.

#### Small OPD meeting

- Reviewed upcoming May meeting topics and holding workshops during the summer at the Social Commons to work on a business or strategic plan...starting with a SWOT Analysis.
- Reviewed upcoming City Council agenda items for
  - May 2: Study Session PM on May 2, TPL presentations,
  - May 16<sup>th</sup>: MP approval, Regional Park naming, ICS agreement, Discussion of future facilities needs and funding.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **PARK PERMITS**

#### **MEMORIALS AND DONATIONS**

#### **SENIOR DATE**

### **6. COMMUNICATIONS**

#### **Announcements**

- In the News
  1. Weekly Owatonna People's Press articles:  
<http://ci.owatonna.mn.us/Blog.aspx?CID=3>
  2. Owatonna Live Straight Talk [Straight Talk \(owatonnalive.com\)](http://owatonnalive.com)
- Actions Requested from past meetings

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

The next board meeting is at the West Hills Social Commons and will be held on Monday, May 8, 2023, at 4:30 p.m.