



Grinnell PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD meeting  
**MONDAY, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023, AT 6:00 P.M.**  
BOARD ROOM-DRAKE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Minutes

ROLL CALL: Russ Crawford, Whitney Jensen, Ben Coopriider, Ralph Eyberg, and Jordan Allsup.  
Absent: Lisa Lindley, Sabrina Edsen  
Guests: Kendra Vincent and Marion Cumberland

APPROVE AGENDA: At 6:09pm Eyberg made the motion to approve agenda, second by Jensen to approve the agenda. AYES: All. Motion carried.

APPROVE MEETING MINUTES: Coopriider made the motion, second by Eyberg to approve January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023, meeting minutes. AYES: All. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Master Parks Plan – priority of projects, fundraising opportunities, grant writing, goals for 2022-2023 fiscal year
  - **Parks and Cemetery Vegetation – Eyberg-** No update. No action necessary.
  - **Bailey Park– Crawford/Jensen-** No update. No action necessary.
  - **Arbor Lake/Lake Nyanza- Allsup-** Crawford and Allsup updated the board that the department was able to have a preliminary meeting with the DNR on what possible next steps would be to move forward with a larger feasibility study for restoration on the two lakes. No action necessary.
  - **Playgrounds- Lindley/Edsen-** Crawford updated board on the progress towards a fundraising campaign of an extension onto the Central Park playground. No action necessary.
  - **Parks Capital Improvements-** No update. No action necessary.
2. Recreation- Allsup reported that the spring/summer program calendar has been finalized and will be sent to design with the goal of April 1<sup>st</sup> for the release of the Spring/Summer program guide. No action necessary.
3. Aquatics- Allsup reported that recruitment for 2023 Aquatic Center staff is going great with the department over halfway to their goal of 30 lifeguards for the summer. No action necessary.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Summer St. Park Fruit trees- Marion Cumberland and Kendra Vincent of the 1000+ Trees initiative presented on the benefits of fruit trees in the community and requested five be planted in Summer St and Thomazin Parks as part of their spring plantings. Eyberg motioned to deny the request to plant trees in Summer St. and Thomazin Parks city maintenance concerns over the life of the trees. Second by Jensen. AYES: all. Motion carried.

NOTES:

INQUIRES:

ADJOURN: Jensen made the motion at 7:11pm to adjourn the meeting, second by Eyberg. AYES: All. Motion carried.