

Park Board Minutes

Monday, February 10, 2025

4:30pm City Hall

Park Board Present: Boike, Brekken, DeLeon, Moe

Mayor/Council & Staff Present: Butt, Devier, Hibma, Prudhomme, Shoobridge, Stainbrook,

Park Board/Staff Absent: Solberg, Devier

Others Present: Krox, Michelle Christopherson, Shirley Iverson, Jess Bengston, Carol Gregg

Burzette-DeLeon brought the meeting to order at 4:30p.m.

A motion made by Boike seconded by Brekken that January minutes be approved.

Motion carried

- A. Pickleball Fund & Arena Fund:** Iverson started the meeting off explaining what the Crookston Area Community Fund and that the Arena Fund falls under it. She stated that we have money in that fund that needs to be used so we can keep getting money for the arena. Our past director was involved with this but since there have been some department head changes, we haven't had anyone use this. It has been sitting there costing fees and needs to be used. She explained that we need some movement to make sure the funds are getting used. Using the funds for activities for youth at the arena is the goal. Looking for an electronic game table or adding wall activity board for the younger kids in the warming area. Shirley then talked about the Pickleball Club and how they are trying to raise money for repairs and maintenance which will be around \$25,000-\$32,000. Due to some vandalizing the first summer it was complete and overall wear and tear of the courts with our seasons. We have some wholes by the poles and there needs resurfacing done as there are some dips. They typically need to be done every 5 years. Butt said that the cost to resurface that court will be up to \$32,000. We don't have an exact number for total cost.
- B. Communication-Master Calendar:** Michelle Christopherson came and asked about doing a community calendar as in times we have had issues with the whole community not knowing what is going on at the arena. She also brought to the table to offer different activities at the CSC during the off season that would help with revenue for the city. Nearly 125,000 in the Crookston Area Community Fund is available and we should use it. As far as activities she brought up would be bungee fitness class, indoor obstacle courses, roller skating nights, hot yoga classes, and laser tag. Butt talked about the turf and knowing that we will need to replace it soon would be an option for that funding along with walking track floor that has been talked about in the past. The board will take all these points into consideration and come up with something at the next meeting.
- C. CSC-Crookston Area Community Fund:** Shirley Iverson came and talked about the funds, which is a part of the Northwest Minnesota Foundations that supports charitable,

educational, and public projects that enhance life for Crookston residents and visitors. Shirley would like to see things in the arena for all ages so those little ones that aren't participating can be busy and make sure that there is something for all ages. She wants to be sure we keep it a positive place for all age children. Mentioned above, Butt talked about how we have talked about larger projects like the walking track that will make it nice for the walkers there.

Next Meeting: March 10th, 2025

Motion to adjourn meeting 5:15 pm