

## **Park Board Minutes**

**Monday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**4:30pm City Hall**

**Park Board Present:** Boike, Brekken, DeLeon, Moe

**Mayor/Council & Staff Present:** Butt, Briggs, Devier, Hibma, Prudhomme, Shoobridge, Solberg, Shoobridge

**Park Board/Staff Absent:**

**Others Present:** Media-Rose, Pahlen, Carol Gregg, Michelle Christopherson, Kari Kirshbaum, Trish Erdman, Angela Roberts, Nancy Halstenson, Janine McDermott, Matt Russo

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

A motion made by Brekken seconded by Moe that April minutes be approved.

**Motion carried.**

- A. CSC Paint:** Solberg brought in colors for the painting of the outside of the CSC. The colors were not written down anywhere so we have swatches to verify. He was looking for recommendations from the board. The board came to the agreement to have Andrea match the swatch up to what blue swatch matches the best on the north side of building due to less sun hitting it. Solberg stated that they will start next week with the painting and the sealant around the building.
- B. Pool:** Pool discussion was had with the future of the pool, budget, and what has and needs to be done. The 2023 reports from SEH Engineering and Lunseth was given to the board. The mechanical reports were handed out to the board. They have received these in meeting prior also. Hibma asked of what has been fixed at the pool. The mechanical issues that have been fixed include fill-in drain pipe in 2023, auto temp control, fixed section of pipe in the pump room, the pipe line going into the heat exchanger replaced, replaced both heat exchangers, new seals put into main pump, and replaced impeller. Butt said overall the main mechanical issues of the pool have been fixed. The discussion of the pool's future was had by the board and talked about their roles and what should be done. Board members have been unsure of their roles. Moe talked about having a long-term plan before making any type of closure of the pool, because we need to keep it. Kirshbaum talked to the board about how Fin and Fit Crookston are taking good steps right now. She feels that having the pool become the anchor of the town would be beneficial. It would help with redeveloping downtown. Having the campground, skateboard park, movie theater, and future outdoor play equipment area will create a good anchor. Christopherson spoke about action and at all the meetings they have been asking the board to come up with a long-term plan. This has not been done. DeLeon asked ok about if we keep adding to the work to the current or conversation of a new one and adding on to the CSC. More conversation was had with the pool and how the board feels they don't know their role as they are told they

are a recommendation board. City Council would be where they would need to start. putting. Hibma has received calls from community members to shut it down or have a plan. Community members have called her stating they want it shut down. We need to have people to buy in and they want to see the plans and be a part of the decision of where and what they are putting their money into. Kirschbaum recommends to form a 501C3. McDermott spoke about her expertise and how she would be able to help with the project. Stainbrook talked about keeping the pool in the same place whether they decide to keep working on the current or a new future one as it's in a good place now. Russo spoke about wanting to keep the pool and he would have interest in being a part of the pool committee. More conversation was had to get a feasibility study. The Park Board feels that is what would possibly be best.

A motion was made by Boike for the city to put out and RFP for a feasibility study for the pool.

**Motion Carried**

Doing this will tell us how much it will cost to hire the company to come in and do the study for the pool from top to bottom. Shoobridge thinks the timeline for the is about 45 days. DeLeon talked about the pool committee. Agreement to hold off with that committee until the study. Russo spoke and thanked Scott & Jake for taking the time and doing what they have been doing to keep the pool going. Solberg stated that the pool part that they ordered is still not in, but should be soon. Lunseth still have not received it. Question was asked if we had to work with an outside company, and Solberg stated that Lunseth has employees that live in Crookston. They know the pool and have been very helpful with it.

**Next Meeting: July 14th, 2025**

**Motion to adjourn meeting 5:23 pm**