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*PARKS / RECREATION / BUILDINGS*  
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**Parks & Recreation Commission Minutes**

June 10, 2024

The Parks & Recreation Commission met on Monday, June 10, 2024, at 4 p.m. in the first floor conference room at City Hall, 444 West Grand Avenue, Wisconsin Rapids, WI.

1. Call to order.

Chairman Veneman called the meeting to order at 4 p.m.

Commissioners in attendance were Kris Barteck, Craig Broeren, Jeff Penzkover, Lee Thao, Dean Veneman, Elizabeth Whelan, and Mayor Zacher. Tom Rayome and Rick Wellnitz were absent. Staff in attendance were Dawn Desorcy and Jake Klingforth. Also in attendance were Ken Day, Kevin Fangman, Alderperson Dennis Polach, and Ron Rasmussen.

2. Approve the May 13, 2024, meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Broeren, seconded by Commissioner Whelan, to approve the minutes of June 10, 2024. Motion carried.

3. Discuss updated bid for pickleball project at Mead Park.

The estimate for the Pickleball Courts was approximately \$18,000 lower than the actual cost to complete the project. The League of Wisconsin Municipalities Parks & Recreation grant (intended for park improvements) will cover this overage.

4. Consider revision to No Mow May policy.

This May was unusual due to the large amount of rain we received; grass grew a lot and there were issues with some of the parks looking bad for park renters, sports teams, and other park users. There were no motions made; it was suggested that portions of grass in the rentable parks participating in No Mow May be left, but that the most-used areas be cut.

5. Bills.

A motion was made by Commissioner Penzkover, seconded by Commissioner Veneman, to approve the bills. Motion carried.

6. Staff reports.

Jake and Dawn presented staff reports.

7. Adjourn.

A motion was made by Commissioner Broeren, seconded by Commissioner Thao, to adjourn. Motion carried.

Dawn Desorcy, Recording Secretary