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

July 8, 2024

The Parks & Recreation Commission met on Monday, July 8, 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, Jeff Penzkover, Ronald Rasmussen, Lee Thao, Dean Veneman, Rick Wellnitz, Elizabeth Whelan, and Mayor Zacher. Tom Rayome was excused. Staff in attendance were Dawn Desorcy and Jake Klingforth. Also in attendance were Kevin Fangman and Alderperson Dennis Polach.

2. Approve the June 10, 2024, meeting minutes.

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

3. Aquatics update.

Overall Aquatics Center attendance, as well as concessions sales, are down compared to last year, which is likely due to the large number of closures due to the rainy, cool weather.

4. Zoo update.

The zoo has had just under 8,900 visitors so far this season. We hope to get started this fall on the improvements there, which include a river otter exhibit, new playground, and insulating and heating of Helen's House for use in winter months.

5. Bills.

A motion was made by Commissioner Thao, seconded by Commissioner Barteck, to approve the bills, with the repeated bill from the June listing(McKay) removed. Motion carried.

6. Staff reports.

Jake and Dawn presented staff reports.

7. Adjourn.

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

Dawn Desorcy, Recording Secretary