

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
BROWN CITY PARK AND RECREATION BOARD REGULAR MEETING
February 20th , 2024
AT THE CITY HALL COMMUNITY ROOM 4205 MAIN STREET, BROWN CITY (810-346-2325
Website: ci.brown-city.mi.us

Present Board Members: Stacy Biel, Tara Owens, Matt Taepke, Louis Martus

Ron Marion-Chairman, Tara Owens, Louis Martus, Corey Faust

Absent: Board Members: Rick Mitchell

Guest: City Manager Chuck Bennett , Steve Kohler

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Ron Marion at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Meeting – January 23rd 2024

Motion by Biel, Seconded by Owens to accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting and Working Meeting as presented.

Motion Carried

PAY BILLS:

No Bills

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

PUBLIC HEARING: NONE.

RESOLUTIONS: NONE.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

. **Tiling of Base Ball Fields:** City Manager Bennett let the Board know that quotes need to be brought to the next meeting for the drainage issues. Louie Martus and Matt Taepke will get getting quotes for the next meeting. Bennett also let the Board know that resident Judy Dennis has Park Storm Water draining through her property. There is no easement for this drain, If the park does not resolve the problem City will have to cap that drain.

Status of Garage doors and stove- Ron Marion states will call Pete Link in the Spring.

- **Reforming of Park Board of Directors-** City Manager Bennett let the Board know that the Park Board of Directors will have a upcoming meeting to be announced. The Goal is continued discussion on future ownership of the Park.
- **Open Committee Position-** Corey Faust has been appointed by the Board as the Chair of the Trails and Playgrounds Committee.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS: None Scheduled.

REPORTS AND RECOMMEDATIONS:

1. **Current Balance:** Checking- \$50,194.65 Savings / Pool Pavilion \$7,755.17
Savings / Fitness Court- CD \$4,000 \$339.43

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2. Next regular meeting: 3-26-2024

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- 1. Trails (Mitchell):** Nothing to Report
- 2. Driveways & Parking Lots (Martus):** Louie Martus Suggested that we take the Cade Road Gate and move it further into the Park, so residents could still get to the Parking lot in the winter and use the park. Most of the park would remained gated off so people driving on the grass will not damage the grounds or get stuck in snow.

Matt Taepke to talk with Jay Berry on the Cost of a new gate.

- 3. Playground Equipment & Courts (Hagey):**
- 4. Buildings & Grounds (Owens/Mitchell):** Louie Martus and Ron Marion will get ahold of Alex Bartle. Matt Taepke will get ahold of his family member who is a electrician and see if they can get them to come to the Pool Pavilion look at the project and give a price.

Per Louie Martus Burnside Twp has \$5,000 set aside to help with the repair of the Pool Pavilion.

- 5. Events & Entertainment (Biel):** Fellowship Bible Easter Egg Hunt at the Park on 3-23-24
- 6. Park & recreation Grants (Bennett)** -Brown City Masons Lodge 409 has committed to donating \$500 to the Fitness Court Fundraiser.

NEW BUSINESS

Louie Martus suggested doing a Polar Plunge as a fundraiser for Park Projects. Could use the pond in the park.

Steve Kohler Suggested the Park Board could do a Breakfast at the Park during Little League's All Start Tournament as a Fundraiser.

Bennett asked the Board what dates this season they would not want to rent the South Pavilion.

June 5th – June 10th will not be rented for Brown City Days

July 12th – July 14th will not be rented for All Star Tournament

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■ Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM

Motion by Stacy Biel, Seconded by Tara Owens

Motion Carried

Minutes Submitted by

City Manager Chuck Bennett