

City of Spring Lake Park
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

The minutes of the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting of March 7, 2023

1. Call to Order - Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by Chairman Hoard
2. Roll Call.
Members present: Harlan, Yawn, Olson, Hoard, Lammers (late)
Members absent:
Council/Staff present: Director Okey, Councilmember Wendling
Council/Staff absent:
3. Approval of Minutes. A motion was made by Yawn to approve minutes as submitted. Second, by Harlan. All ayes, motion carried.
4. Discussion on the floor. Commissioner Hoard mentioned that he has watched individuals checking out the new park building at Able. Commissioner Yawn stated she had noticed our programs advertised on the city sign.
5. Commission Member Reports. – No reports.
6. Council Commissioner's Report. Councilmember Wendling updated commissioners on a recent City Council meeting including the approval of the monthly payment for Able Park.
7. Unfinished Business. No unfinished business.
8. New Business. SLP Lions forwarded a written proposal to place the Free Little Library at Lakeside Lions Park. Discussion on where to place- must be accessible from sidewalk. Okey will discuss with Public Works a location that will not interfere with mowing. Commissioners request that the Lions should check every couple of weeks during summer. Yawn made a motion to approve. Harlan seconded the motion. Motion passed.
9. Director's Report.
 - A. Program Updates – Tower Days planning is under way. Commissioners wish to do carnival games from 11:00am – 2:00pm. Okey will put together a volunteer sign-up sheet. The commission would like to have the photo booth at Tower Days. Park and Rec staff will decorate with the Tower Days Logo. Okey will bring carnival prizes to the next meeting for inventory.
 - B. Able Park Update – Okey reported work continues to move along. Bathrooms are being tiled, fixtures installed. The occupancy date was pushed back to May due to supply issues.
 - C. The Ice Rinks – officially closed.
 - D. Softball – Okey reported registrations are slowly coming into the office.
 - E. Okey reported she is working on grants for funding to improve Terrace Park Infields and a second grant to purchase new playground structures and surfacing.
10. Other. none

11. Adjournment at 7:00pm. Harlan made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Yawn. All ayes.

Next meeting is Tuesday, April 4, 6:00pm at Able Park.

Respectfully submitted by, Kay Okey