NORTHWESTERN RECREATION COMMISSION Minutes April 26, 2023

Meeting opened at 6:30pm; NWL SD Admin room

Voting members present: Jim Hughes Steve Bachman Todd Hernandez Justin Smith Richard Bleiler

Guests present: Amy Fatzinger Sean George Melody Grohotolski Lori George Marla McDonald

Rory Frey Don Billig

1 Approval of agenda for: April 26, 2023

Motion by: Richard B. Seconded by: Jim H.

Comments: Approved

2 Approval of: March 29, 2023 Minutes

Motion by: Richard B. Seconded by: Steve B.

Comments: Approved

3 Approval of : April 26, 2023 Treasurer's reports and any additional bills

Motion by: Steve B. Seconded by: Jim H.

Comments: Approved

4 Facilities requests:

Motion by: None Seconded by:

Comments:

GUESTS:

1 Night in the Country: Don Billig

Comments: KRE (Security) has been arranged to work NITC.

Fireworks (Crystal Rock), 7% increase Activities vendor letters are going out

Approval of : Fireworks at 7% increase over prior year.

Motion by: Jim H. Seconded by: Richard B.

Comments: Approved

2 Other guests: Lori George

Comments: Would like to purchase a tree in memorial of Wyatt Newhard, to be planted near basketball courts.

Also, asked about purchasing a new bleacher for the courts. Jim H. will assist with these purchases.

OLD BUSINESS:

1 Field maintenance: Jim Hughes

Comments: Haley Faust, youth who broke a pylon at the park, was requested to come to this meeting and pay \$125

fine which goes to replacement pylon. She did not attend and has been banded from the park until fine

has been paid in full.

Field 1 fencing is being damaged by kids jumping over. Mulching is almost complete where it's been needed. Fields that have been reseeded are seeing grass growth.

2 NRC Rhythm:

April

1 NWLSD phys ed day approvals

2 NWLSD bus evac drill fall approval

3 Oil volleyball winch - DONE

May

1 Aerate fields - Handled by NWLSD

3 Other: Advertising signs - there are still 3 available spots.

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Skate park: Asa (American Ramp Company), Rory Frey (and son), Kagan Van Allan plan to partner together to help design skate park. There were some concerns about the area of the park in conjunction with the pickleball courts, but if area is split lengthwise it would be better. All were very thankful for the opportunity to work with us and that we are looking to make improvements. Matt Van Allan spoke advocating for the skaters, did mention that the area is tight for both the skate park and pickleball. Kagan asked if we would consider adding benches for seating.

Approval of: To move forward with plans/process for the addition of the pickleball courts.

Motion by: Jim H. Seconded by: Richard B.

Comments: Approved

Batting cage: discussed options to fix existing and potential location if unable to fix existing cage.

Basketball courts: resurfacing had been delayed, targeting June 2023 completion.

NEW BUSINESS:

1 Discussion: Nestle Waters, now Blue Triton, has donated \$3000 to the Rec Commission and indicated that they

Comments: plan to make another donation later in the year.

2 Approval of:

Motion by: Seconded by:

Comments:

COMMUNICATION / SHARING:

1 Jim Hughes: nothing else

2 NYAA: none

3 Board member sharing: None

Adjournment:

NWL School Director:

Motion by: Jim H. Seconded by: Steve B.

Todd Leiser

Comments: Approved.

MRC Board 2023

Member at Large: Jim Hughes
Lynn Twp: Justin Smith

NWL School Director: Todd Hernandez
Heidelberg Twp: Steve Bachman
Weisenberg Twp: Richard Bleiler
Lowhill Twp: Rick Hughes

NRC Meeting Dates 2023: January 25

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