

CALL TO ORDER

The December 2, 2024, Park Commission Meeting was called to order by commissioner Dahlke at 6:03 p.m. at the City Hall 6031 Main St, Rockford, MN.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Gusse, Edmeier, and Dahlke. Also in attendance was Council liaison Vogel and Parks Employee Desens.

SET AGENDA/APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION was made by Gusse, seconded by Edmeier to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2024, meeting and approve the agenda.

Motion Carried Voting in favor Dahlke, Edmeier, Gusse.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. The park dedication fund total is \$80,841.52 with \$15,553.52 being available as non-restricted funds.
- B. Dallan Hickerson presented the benefits of having a skate park in Rockford. These included providing an activity for all ages, providing an outlet for energy and expression, providing a designated place for skateboarding keeping them off the streets and other areas where the activity is unwelcomed. Many new skate parks are built of poured and molded concrete making them more durable and quieter. He has spoken to many people who were in favor of adding a skate park and has a skateboard body signed by many of these people. Admittedly some of these people were not residents of Rockford. The obstacles to installing a skate park were also discussed those being the cost of installation, location, and vandalism that plagued the last park. The Commission will look at adding it to their goals.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Staff gave an update on the disc golf course at Jim Thome Park. The dry weather gave an opportunity to haul in soil to build two mounds for the course. Trees were also removed to clear flight paths in the fairways and new trees were planted in other areas. The concept of asking sponsors to help defray the cost of baskets and signs was discussed.
- B. Staff gave an update on the pickleball court. The engineering fees needed to start the project will not be included in the 2025 budget. The commission will discuss what to do with the horseshoe pit area at the February meeting.

ADJORNMENT

MOTION to adjourn was made by Edmeier, seconded by Gusse to adjourn the meeting.

Motion Carried Voting in favor, Dahlke, Edmeier.

Commissioner Dahlke closed the meeting at 7:02 pm.

Submitted by Darcy Desens, Parks Lead Maintenance