

**CITY OF AU GRES
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2024
5:00 PM**

PRESENT: Barb Osborne, Sheree Wiltse, Dan & Terry Heinrich, Jan Gore, Paige Belanger

ABSENT: Chad Anthony, Margaret Warr

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Dale Wiltse, Park Manager Chris Ireland, Jon Sanford

1). CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by City Manager Dale Wiltse at 5:00 p.m.

2). ROLL CALL

Roll call noted Chad Anthony and Margaret Warr absent.

3). MINUTES

MOTION (S Wiltse) to approve minutes from September 17, 2024 as submitted, support (Osborne). Motion carried.

4). CITIZENS COMMENTS: None

5). OLD BUSINESS: None

6). NEW BUSINESS:

6.1 Year End Recap

City Manager reported that the campground had a profit of over \$75,000 for the year ending June 30, 2024. Also noted this included a \$17,500 contribution to Riverside Park. All positive comments by the board regarding the city parks, park improvements and the park staff.

6.2 Projects for 2025

City Manager reviewed the list of proposed/suggested ideas for 2025 (see attached). The board suggested adjusting the opening date and closing date of the campground due to midweek scheduling. Dan would like to see rocks or posts placed at the disc golf course to deter large vehicles from entering the property. The board questioned who is responsible for the upkeep of KinderPlatz; Parks Department or DPW? The City Manager explained that the DPW maintains the park. The board would like to see more TLC. City Manager will address the comment. Overall, the list looks complete.

7). CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

The SCIT will be awarding grants on Friday, November 22, 2024. Hoping to get a grant for the ballfields. Thanks Au Gres, Sims, Whitney and Turner Townships for the support of the project.

8). PARK MANAGER COMMENTS:

Chris felt the campground had a great year. Most of the staff will be back for 2024. He has quite a few short-term campers that want to stay longer in 2025.

9). PARK & REC BOARD COMMENTS:

Included in 6.1 and 6.2 agenda items.

10). ADJOURNMENT

MOTION (S Wiltse) adjourns at 5:50 p.m.; support (Osborne). Motion carried.

Dale Wiltse, City Manager