

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

PRESENT: Chad Anthony, Barb Osborne, Sheree Wiltse, Jan Gore, Paige Belanger, Margaret Warr,
Dan & Terry Heinrich

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

1.) CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Chairman Chad Anthony at 5:00 p.m.

2.) ROLL CALL

Roll call noted all members present.

3.) MINUTES

MOTION (Wiltse) to approve minutes from January 16, 2024 as submitted, support (Osborne).
Motion carried.

4.) CITIZENS COMMENTS: None

5.) OLD BUSINESS: None

6.) NEW BUSINESS: None

7.) CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

The City Manager stated that this is an informational meeting to bring all board members up to speed ahead of the April 15th campground opening. Discussed was the campground expansion; still moving forward and the city applied for a \$400,000 MNRTF grant. The city also applied for a \$10,000 grant from the Arenac Community Funds for upgrades to the KinderPlatz Park/Chapel. Upgrades include window repair, wood floors and electrical. The City of Au Gres was selected as a finalist for the Consumer Energy “Put Your Town on the Map” pitch competition to be held at Crystal Mountain on April 29th. 10 communities were chosen from 88 entries. The top three will receive \$25,000, \$15,000 and \$10,000 respectively. We are still waiting for a confirmed start date for the pavilion repairs. Morton Building lack of communication was discussed. City Manager has been in contact with youth ball individuals regarding location of proposed fields.

8.) PARK MANAGER COMMENTS:

Chris is getting ready for the season. He still has quite a few finishing touches on the campground and park. Waiting on Gordon’s for tree removal; weather does not look like it is cooperating. Reservations are coming in steady and it looks like we are in for a busy season. Campground needs office help and outside help. Dale will get with Paige to post help wanted on Facebook.

9.) ADJOURNMENT

MOTION (Wiltse) adjourn at 6:00 p.m.; support (Osborne). Motion carried.

Chairman Chad Anthony

Dale Wiltse, City Manager