

**CITY OF AU GRES
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2024
5:00 PM**

PRESENT: Chad Anthony, Barb Osborne, Sheree Wiltse, Margaret Warr, Dan & Terry Heinrich

ABSENT: Paige Belanger, Jan Gore

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Dale Wiltse, Park Manager Chris Ireland and Lisa Ireland, Steve Stiff, Julie Schnettler, Laura Storey, Karen Storey, Scott Susko, Matt Dewyer, Laura McCarthy, Chelsea Bashaw, Allison Wiltse

1.) CALL TO ORDER

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

2.) ROLL CALL

Roll call noted Paige Belanger and Jan Gore absent.

3.) MINUTES

MOTION (Wiltse) to approve minutes from March 19, 2024 as submitted, support (Osborne).
Motion carried.

4.) CITIZENS COMMENTS:

City Manager Dale Wiltse discussed the City of Au Gres' proposed ballfields and the forming of a community youth sports organization to oversee the design, construction and maintenance of the facility. The sports complex would consist of the current soccer fields and 2 new ballfields to be located on designated city property on Court Street. The City of Au Gres will budget \$100,000 to the project. Julie Schnettler represented the ball group and asked about timeframe of construction and what will happen to any of the current field fencing and equipment. Laura Storey represented the soccer group question what would be the city's involvement. Scott Suszko wanted to know how much property is available for future additional fields. Karen Storey commented on the costs to mow and maintain the complex.

5.) OLD BUSINESS: None

6.) NEW BUSINESS:

6.1 Ballfield/Soccer Long Range Plans

The City Manager comments and public comment would be presented to the City Council for discussion. Consensus by the P&R Board and the public is this is a great plan for the future of youth sports in the area.

6.2 RV Limits:

Discussion was held to limit the size of RVs staying in the campground.

MOTION (Osborne) to not allow park model or destination style RVs at the campground; support (Wiltse). Motion carried.

6.3 Events @ Campground

Lisa Ireland presented the board with a list of current and suggested events she would like to see held. After discussion the board was in favor of any new events that she would like to plan.

7.) CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

Teresa Spies wanted to know if the City would like the ferris wheel from Deer Acres. The board felt the cost to move and the liability would be too great. The board decided to pass on the donation. The City received a \$10,000 grant from ACF Maser Historical Foundation for KinderPlatz chapel upgrades. The pavilion is finished except for the fence, looks great!

8.) PARK MANAGER COMMENTS:

The campground is having issues with electric bikes, scooters and hoverboards. Chris will be putting up rules regarding proper usage. Park is getting full and looks great!

9.) ADJOURNMENT

MOTION (Osborne) adjourn at 6:20 p.m.; support (Warr). Motion carried.

Chairman Chad Anthony

Dale Wiltse, City Manager