

**REGULAR MEETING
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
City of Oakdale
May 17, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Oakdale Parks and Recreation Commission was held on Tuesday, May 17, 2022, at Oakdale City Hall, 1584 Hadley Avenue, Oakdale, Minnesota. The meeting was called to order by Chair Lockhart at 7 PM.

CALL OF ROLL

On a call of roll, the following were present:

Chair: Paul Lockhart

Commissioners: Jan Cunningham
Mark Giannini
Freddie Jiles

Also Present: Chuck Scott, Oakdale Pickleball Club Leader
Jeff Koesling, Parks Superintendent
Julie Williams, Recreation Superintendent
Jake Ingebrigtsen, City Council
Jim Romanik, Public Works Manager

Absent: Glen Giacoletto, Vice Chair
Steve Meyer, Commissioner

Quorum Present: YES NO

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting Minutes, April 19, 2022

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER GIANNINI, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JILES TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 19, 2022 AS PRESENTED.

4 AYES 0 NAYS

OAKDALE PICKLEBALL CLUB REQUEST – Chuck Scott

Oakdale Pickleball Club Leader Chuck Scott made two requests. He reported cracks in the asphalt at the Tanners Lake Park Pickleball Courts. The first request was for repairs prior to winter to avoid further damage or loss of play. The second request was to line the Tanners Lake Park Tennis Court

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for pickleball, noticing the empty court often without tennis players at the hours the pickleball players are there. Nets are higher for tennis, but having pickleball lines in place would add a court playable for pickleball. The club would yield the tennis court to tennis players.

Parks Superintendent Koesling expanded that the cosmetic cracking mentioned are located where the poles are put in for nets and not on the playing surface. The high water table and frost has pushed up poles there and out of the ground in the baseball field. Several Oakdale Pickleball members have approached Mr. Koesling. The decision not to stripe the tennis court for pickleball was made at the Council level during Councilmember Bill Rasmussen's time of service to keep tennis exclusive. He understands that the club may intend to yield play to tennis players, but if they drive up and see courts in play, they may not approach and drive away instead.

Chair Lockhart suggested bringing the request to Council for consideration. If Council approves the project and it is brought back to the Commission, it can be input into the five year plan for the Park Capital Improvement Program.

Commissioner Jiles asked if the new lines would change the court for playing tennis.

Mr. Scott replied that the lines are color designated and the court would be lined with two colors; one for tennis and the other for pickleball.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER CUNNINGHAM, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GIANNINI TO BRING THE OAKDALE PICKLEBALL CLUB'S REQUEST TO LINE TANNERS LAKE PARK'S TENNIS COURT FOR PICKLEBALL TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION.

4 AYES 0 NAYS

PARKS UPDATE- Jeff Koesling

Seasonal Staff – Five seasonal college age staff started yesterday out of the six positions available. They provide a huge help getting back on track with park maintenance. Staff is keeping up with mowing the grass that blew up.

RECREATION UPDATE – Julie Williams

Summer Newsletter – The Oakdale Update will hopefully be mailed out and available online in late May. The summer programs begin in 3 weeks.

Summer Youth Instructors – Employees have been selected and will begin training the first week of June. Of the nine, four are returning and five are new hires.

Summerfest Parade – On Friday, June 24 at 6 PM the parade will travel along 15th Street and Hadley. The event has been moved from Thursday to Friday. Former Oakdale Fire Chief Jeff Anderson is the Grand Marshal. He recently retired after 41 years of service.

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Summerfest 5K Run/Walk – On Saturday, June 25 the check in begins at 7 AM and race begins at 8 AM. Hope Church volunteers will have water and food stations throughout the race and at race end. Parkview Chiropractic will offer free massages and adjustments.

Summerfest 3rd Lair Skateboard Contest – On Saturday, June 25 registration starts at 11 AM and the contest begins at 12 PM. It is free to compete. Thank you to sponsors State Farm Agents Amy Brown and Bob Lawrence.

Amped Up Entertainment – On Thursday, June 16 at 10 AM the series will kick off. Different entertainment is lined up, including the Raptor Center, Bruce the Bug Guy, Snake Discovery, Jolly Pops, Usborne Books Story Time, and Dazzling Dave Yo-Yo Master.

Summer Concert Series – The Michael Handler Project will kick off the series on June 15th with classic rock to modern country music. Concerts will be held Wednesdays, beginning at 7 PM at the band shell. The series will wrap up on August 3.

Farmers Market – The market will kick off June 1 and run Wednesdays through October 12. The hours are 2 to 6:30 PM, with the last half hour being optional for vendors. A full vendor and product list will be posted on the web in the end of May.

Artist of the Month – The Painting Pals annual May group art display has lots of new pieces. The artists have had a ton of time to paint in the last year or so and are looking forward to displaying the work.

Park Clean Up – Thank you to the 50 volunteers who cleaned ten Oakdale parks. They were given plant kits as thank you gifts.

Recreation Superintendent Williams replied to Commissioner Cunningham's question about Summerfest events. A full Summerfest schedule of events is available online by visiting the recreation page. There are no rides this year, parade is on Friday, with activities continuing through Saturday. Concerts are Friday and Saturday, with Stuck in the Middle performing Friday night, Rocking Hollywoods on Saturday night, and the Jolly Pops from 2 to 4:30 and Kids Bubble Party from 12 to 2 PM on Saturday.

COUNCIL UPDATE – Jake Ingebrigtsen

Par 3 Property – Councilmember Ingebrigtsen reported that the owner of Cedric's Landing is looking to expand onto the Par 3 Property, though facing challenges in making that a reality. At Council's last workshop a plan was presented to move Golfview Park and make the existing park into an entrance road to access the new Cedric's Landing expansion into the Par 3 Property. Challenges include wetlands and meeting requirements of the Department of Natural Resources.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Wellness 50+ - Commissioner Cunningham meets with Wellness 50+ at the Oakdale Nature Preserve on Wednesdays for the walking club. At the last walk, Susan Weum taught how to use the exercise stations listed on the trail map, along with levels of use. A bike maintenance class took

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place indoors due to rain at the Oakdale Discovery Center, and future wellness bike rides are planned monthly on the fourth Monday (weather dependent). Kayaking will take place on the third Monday of each month, and events are planned for the first Tuesday of each month at Washington County Parks. Register for upcoming events on Meetup by searching "Wellness 50+ Twin Cities." A lot of events are free or may have a rental charge, such as Wahoo Adventures Kayaking events.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER GIANNINI, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CUNNINGHAM TO ADJOURN THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION, DATED MAY 17, 2022, AT 7:22 PM.

4 AYES 0 NAYS

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Linzmeyer