**PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD**

**February 15, 2023 1:30PM
Community Room-Willmar Civic Center**

Members Present: Al Setrum, Rand Middleton, Alissa Norsten

 Steve Tammen, Jim Anderson, Kent Skoglund

Staff Present: Rob Baumgarn, Rachel Centellas

City Council Members: Carl Shuldes

Kent called the meeting to order and took roll call. He asked for any additions or deletions to the agenda, there were none.

Kent asked for a motion to approve the February meeting minutes. Rand made a motion and Steve seconded. All were in favor. November meeting minutes approved. There were no public comments.

The group first watched a video on pickleball. Discussion was had about the location of pickleball courts.

The next topic of discussion was the positions being filled at the Civic Center. Anita Nelson was hired as a Recreation Coordinator and Daniel Rothwell was hired for maintenance.

Garfield Ice Rinks and warming house was the next item on the agenda. Rob explained that he has been talking with the school about a land exchange agreement for this property. If the City were to take it over we would be able to build a new warming house closer to the rinks. Discussion was had about the warming house and rink usage.

Rob went through the 2023 Capitol Improvement Projects (CIP). The new fitness park will be located at Sperry park and will be done this summer. This will take place of adding two new playgrounds next year. He has been working on a grant for the bike and walking trails and will hopefully be able to improve the trail head. Bjorsell and Hanson Parks will be updated this year with new equipment. There was discussion about the future projects.

Rob then gave an update on the Invest in Willmar projects. Final payments will be going out soon on most projects and should close out in April. After that we will know how much is left in each project.

Rob discussed the coordinators reports.

There were no board announcements.

Carl made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Steve seconded. All were in favor.
Meeting adjourned.