January 2019 Park Board Minutes:
Present: Tony P., Ty R., Bill W., Jessica U., Lenore S., Adam Arnst

Dawn K. was will and no minutes were taken in her absence.

February 2019 Minutes:
Present: Dawn K., Ty R., Jessica U., Lenore S., Bill W.

Ty Presented the Aquatic Center financial statement from 2013 through 2018. Some numbers were missing due to the inability to locate the previous information from former staff. Summer 2018 had an exceptional amount of early closings due to weather. One of the largest deficits from past years was in concessions and daily admissions. We discussed out of town advertising as this has not been done in a couple of years, increases signage for concessions, especially the walk up window area and possibly trying pizza nights or other speciality food items. Ty will touch base with current and former staff for ideas and feedback.

Ty will be meeting with Kirby from the city of Arlington to discuss security cameras. Arlington currently has 9 or 10 cameras located in their park. The Gaylord Police Department would ideally have a live feed to cameras in the park and which could assist them in responding to incidents in the park.

March 11, 2019 Park Board Minutes:
Present: Bill W., Ty R., Tony P., Jessica U., Lenore S., Jim S., Dawn K. and Traci Dummer (Adam was unavailable)

Ty reported that the Sibley County Sheriff's Posse is donating a bench in memory of Sheriff Bruce Ponath who passed away in 2018. They requested a location to place the bench. The rain garden between the aquatic center and baseball field was suggested, as it is a busy area for the park.

We discussed recruiting new members to the board. It was suggested to invite anyone interested to a meeting and then bring the names to the council.

Aquatic Center:

* The board approved increasing fitness class punch passes to $4.00 for a single class, $35 for 10 classes, $75 for 25 classes.
* Due to overwhelming demand and positive feedback, all lesson sessions for 2019 will be mini-sessions with a week in between each session to allow for weather related make up classes. This will allow for 5 sessions of lessons versus 4. Lesson costs will be $50 across the board (private lessons will remain at $95).
* The Aquatic Center will be offering SCUBA lessons this summer for older children/teens. The cost will be $50. Information will be provided to Community Education.
* Signage will be added for walk up concessions.
* Sundays from 5 to 9 pm there will be family type swim where certain floats will be allowed and special meal deals.
* Ty, Traci and Adam will be meeting to discuss concessions selections and prices with a goal to add new items and eliminate non-popular items from the menu.
* Computers at the GAAC are more than 6 years old and have caused problems.
* Arlington has asked about renting the WiBit during winter months. This will be considered.
* The aquatic center could use a new vacuum and pressure washer hose.
* Punch passes and/or discounts for large groups was discussed. GAAC staff will look into this.

Trails:

* Jim provided an update that a good presentation was put together through MNDOT back in January of 2019. The grant request came in second out of 12 applications. There is high confidence that some grant money will be received for Lincoln Ave but the amount is unknown. But Lincoln Ave is a county road, there is also a possibility for state aid. Jim said that they should hear the amount soon but it could be as much as $300,000.