CITY OF SAINT PETER, MINNESOTA
AGENDA AND NOTICE OF MEETING

Regular Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting of April 18, 2022
7:00 PM
Meet at Prairie Ridge Park – 2023 Essler Drive / Warren Park Visits (weather dependent)
or Community Center – Traverse des Sioux Room

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 21, 2022 (action)

IV. VISITORS
   A. General Visitors Comments

V. OATH OF OFFICE
   A. K. Angelique Dwyer

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
   A. Traverse des Sioux – Bike Trail (trailhead draft sign attached)
   B. Warren Park – (map attached)
   C. McGill Park – (draft survey and map attached)

VII. NEW BUSINESS
   A. Prairie Ridge Park Visit – (attached map)
   B. Warren Park Visit

VIII. REPORTS
   A. Chairs Report
      1. 
   B. Department of Recreation and Leisure Services Updates (Joey)
      1. March Activity Reports (attached)
      2. MRPS Award
      3. Seasonal Employees
      4. Special Events
   C. Department of Public Works (Pete/Joel)
      1. Minnesota Square Park Construction
      2. Thompson Dog Park
      3. Seasonal Employees

IX. ADJOURNMENT
   A. Next scheduled meeting Monday, May 16, 2022 at 7PM, Public Works
TRAVERSE DES SIOUX PARK

Traverse des Sioux Park

Bike Trail Map

You are here
Traverse des Sioux Park
Bike Trails

Traverse des Sioux Trails
Saint Paul, Minnesota

The trails at Traverse des Sioux Park are a natural surface singletrack trail designed for mountain biking, winter biking, hiking, and trail running. The trails are single direction for mountain biking. The trails are built and maintained by volunteers. For more information see facebook.com/TraverseTrails

If you see anything that needs attention, please call or text 507-933-0881

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Parking P
McGill Park Survey Questions - Draft

1. How often per month do you visit the McGill Park Nature Area?
   a. 0
   b. 1-4
   c. 5+

2. How often per month do you visit the McGill Park playground?
   a. 0
   b. 1-4
   c. 5+

3. What do you like most about McGill Park?

4. Rate the following on how what you would most like to be addressed?
   a. New Playground Equipment
   b. New/Repaired Benches On The Nature Trail
   c. Hazardous Tree and Deadfall Removal
   d. Nature Trail Expansion
   e. Wild Animal Control

5. Other Comments?
Saint Peter Recreation and Leisure Services Monthly Activity Report

March 2022

Recreation Programming
It was fun seeing old faces again when those snowbirds started coming back! The Pickleball nets are up and folks are moving to play outside. With that being said, we still had great attendance throughout the month of March.

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Fitness doubled this past month and mid-April will bring our one year anniversary of fitness classes! We hit record high nights in Interval Training and in Morning Blend. Throughout the whole month there was 32 people in H.I.I.T., 45 people in Stretch and Sculpt (which is just a weekly class), 79 people in Interval Training and 54 people during Morning Blend. In March we started another adult program – Adult Dodgeball league where we ended up with 6 teams and they are having a blast!

Youth programming went very well in March. Tiny Tot Time on Saturdays was a big hit. This is the first we tried this program. It went so well that we plan on running this again in May! This is similar to Family Open Gym – just offered at a different time and day. Friday night Family Open Gym had 54 people and then 60 people in attendance! It’s great seeing this many families come in to the Community Center.

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<td>Soccer 3 families</td>
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<td>Tumbling &amp; Fitness 20 people</td>
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eSports is something to brag about! The kids are loving it and in April our Intern San will be hosting his first eSports tournament!

As for special events in March, it always starts with our Annual Daddy Daughter Dance! We had 131 in attendance that evening dancing, making crafts, playing games and lemonade and more and more lemonade! Sometimes it’s hard to tell who’s having more fun, the dads or the girls! It’s a great night all around! We had 12 kids for parent’s night and 27 for early release day! Looking forward to April! But summer can wait a little bit yet!

Senior Programming

| March-22 |
|----------|----------|----------|
| Program | Date     | Attendance |
| LIFE: Drones | 3-Mar | 9         |
| LIFE: Religion in America, Part 1 | 4-Mar | 35        |
| Lunch and Learn: Music Therapy | 9-Mar | 38        |
| LIFE: Welsh in Blue Earth County | 15-Mar | 17        |
| LIFE: Religion in America, Part 2 | 18-Mar | 34        |
| Lunch and Learn: Last Man Club | 21-Mar | 60        |
| Historical Presenter: Teddy Roosevelt | 23-Mar | 63        |
| National Vietnam Memorial Day | 29-Mar | 100+      |
| Moving? Ask Candee | 30-Mar | 3         |
| Pfeffer | Ongoing Fridays | 16        |
| Bridge/500 | Ongoing Tuesdays | 20        |
| Men’s Cards | Ongoing Mon and Thur | 5        |
| Senior Fitness In-Person | Ongoing M-W-F | 21        |
Library
- 9,851 checkouts
- 411 new items added to the catalog
- 56 new library card registrations
- 1298 active card holders
- 333 eBooks borrowed
- 334 Audiobooks borrowed
- 535 items were requested through Encore (patron online card catalog)
- 91/70 Items borrowed/items loaned out via MNLink (InterLibrary loan)
- 533 Chromebox sessions used
- 1,789 wifi sessions used

Programming and Events

Adult
- **Senior Technology Classes** were offered every Wednesday morning at 8:30am during the month of March. **Attendance: 21** Seniors were encouraged to sign up for the classes and share what skills they would like to learn. Attendees broke into groups for some 1:1 learning. TdS director Ann Hokanson assisted library staff with the classes. Another senior technology class may be considered next Fall or Winter.
- Arn Kind brought **"Minnesota and the Vietnam War"** to St.Peter on March 15. Nearly **45 people** attended. This program was brought to St.Peter by an Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund grant.
- Plans continue to be made for the upcoming spring exhibit **“Americans and the Holocaust.”** The exhibit arrives at the library the week of May 14 and will remain on site until July 1, 2022. Nearby schools have been invited to bring their students to view the exhibit during the last full week of May.
- Plans are in the works for a **Human Library event** in September. Three volunteers were recruited to serve on a planning committee.
- CADA Education specialist and an intern met with the Assistant Library Supervisor about putting up a display for Sexual Assault Awareness month in April and would like to do a presentation this fall.

Children
- **1000 Books Before Kindergarten continues:** 73 kids (331 books given away to date)
- **Storytime**
  - 3/02/22: 12 children, 7 adults  
    Evening: 1 child/1 adult
  - 3/09/22: 9 children, 4 adults  
    Evening: 1 children/1 adults
  - 3/16/22: 4 children, 2 adults  
    Evening: 1 children/1 adults
  - 3/23/22: 4 children, 2 adults  
    Evening: 3 child/3 adult
- **Maker Space Monday**
  - 3/7: 3  
    3/14: 3  
    3/28: 1
- **Breakfast with Books event** - storytime and book swap. **40 attendees**
- **Waste to Wonder** - Early Release Rec Event (funded partially by ACHF): **25 attendees**

Teen/Young Adult
- **AniManga Club:** 3/3/22-7, 3/17/22-5
- **Dungeons and Dragons:**
  - 3/1/22-4
  - 3/2/22-6
  - 3/9/22-5
  - 3/10/22-4
  - 3/16/22-6
School District Use
Youth Indoor Soccer – 5 times (Middle School Gym)
Adult Indoor Basketball - 5 times (Middle School Gym)
Fencing – 3 times (Middle School Gym)
August 23, 2021

Mr. Terry Menk  
Saint Peter Pickleball Association  
814 Grace St.  
Saint Peter, MN 56082

Re: Loan for completion of Outdoor Pickleball Courts

Dear Terry,

The City of Saint Peter is committed to working with Local User Groups and Associations to create opportunities through programming, facilities, and enhancements. The goal of this relationship is to work together in partnership to further enhance opportunities and better meet the needs of the Community.

Pickleball has steadily gained popularity around the Country, with Saint Peter seeing continued growth and interest in this sport. Although Pickleball is available indoors at the Community Center and outdoors at Veteran’s Park Tennis Courts, currently there is not a dedicated Pickleball Complex in our Community.

The Pickleball Association and the City of Saint Peter are in agreement that converting two tennis courts at Veteran’s Park to six pickleball courts would go a long way in enhancing pickleball opportunities in Saint Peter and better allow for growth and opportunity. In order to make this project a reality the City of Saint Peter and Pickleball Association have agreed to share costs of the project. This letter confirms the City’s intention of loaning the Saint Peter Pickleball Association their share of project costs, $12,000.00, as long as the following terms are met:

- Association pre-pays $3,000.00
- Association pays at minimum $2,250.00 a year for the next 4 years to cover the full loan amount.
- Association will receive $1,908.00 from the City to use towards initial investment in exchange for agreeing to offer Pickleball Programming through the Recreation Department.
- Association agrees to contribute to future facility enhancements in conjunction with the City.

If you are in agreement with this arrangement, please sign and date the letter below. The city will proceed with the arrangement as described. Thank you to the Pickleball Association for all the work in growing pickleball in our community.

Sincerely,

[Signatures]

Pete Moulton  
Director of Public Works  
Joey Schugel  
Director of Recreation and Leisure

The Saint Peter Pickleball Association agrees with the proposal for a loan for construction of Outdoor Pickleball Courts at Veteran’s Parks

[Signature]  
Date

Terry Menk  
Saint Peter Pickleball Association
MRPA Award of Excellence

Owens, Elizabeth <elizabeth.owens@woodburymn.gov>
Fri 4/8/2022 8:18 AM
To: Joey Schugel <joey@saintpetermn.gov>

Dear Joey,

The MRPA Awards Committee is pleased to inform you that your organization has been selected as a MRPA Award of Excellence recipient for the Veteran’s Park Outdoor Pickleball Courts in the category of Sponsorships and Partnerships. The MRPA Awards Committee reviewed thirty-five award applications.

A MRPA Awards Committee member would be honored to present the Award of Excellence at a City Council, Board or Commission meeting, or an event of your choice. Over the next month, an Awards Committee member will connect with you to arrange a time to present the award. Award presentations typically occur between June and September.

In addition, MRPA highlights the Awards of Excellence projects in the fall magazine edition. A narrative for each project is developed using information from each agency’s application. If you would rather submit the narrative for your agency, please email the 125-word description by July 15 to MRPA at gerhard@mnrpa.org.

Thank you for your support of MRPA and the Awards of Excellence program.

Again, congratulations on your selection as a MRPA Award of Excellence recipient!

Respectfully,

Elizabeth Owens & Chelsea Swiggum

Elizabeth Owens
Recreation Program Specialist
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651-414-3437 | woodburycity.gov
SAINT PETER RECREATION DEPARTMENT

RED, WHITE, BLUE AND YOU

2022 SENIOR EXPO

THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2022

1 - 3 p.m. | Vendor Hall | Music
3 p.m. | Speaker David Jones
THE US FLAG: ORIGINS, EVOLUTION, SYMBOLISM

ALSO AVAILABLE:
Retired US Flag Collection Site | Expired/Unused Prescription Collection | Unused Eye Glasses and Hearing Aid Collection

- Please arrive to set up no later than 12:30 p.m. in the Saint Peter Community Center Gym.
- Please park on the street or at Trinity Lutheran Church.
- Offering door prizes? You can leave prizes for notification and pickup with Gabriela.
- Please leave all recyclables at the gym double doors.

Direct inquiries to Gabriela Roemhildt | gabrielar@saintpetermn.gov or call 507-934-0667
Memorandum

TO: Todd Prafke
City Administrator

FROM: Joey Schugel
Recreation and Leisure Services Director

RE: Community Center/Library 20 Year Anniversary

ACTION/RECOMMENDATION

None needed. For your review and discussion only.

BACKGROUND

The Saint Peter Community Center and Library 20 Year Anniversary Event will be held Friday, May 6 from 4-7 p.m. to celebrate the impact that these facilities have had and continue to have on the community. The Recreation and Leisure Services Department is organizing a variety of activities, entertainment, and community resources for this event, some of those are listed below:

- Representation from the various tenants who operate in the Community Center. Goal is to highlight what services they provide for the community.
- Representation from community partners such as the School District, Youth Associations, and other non-profits that utilize the Community Center and Library.
- Recreational activities in the gym, library, and potentially outside depending on weather. Activities include Pickleball, Exploration Recreation, Fitness Activities Makers Space and more!
- Promotion of summer registration opportunities including summer reading program, recreation programs and camps, summer pool passes, and scholarship opportunities.
- Musical Entertainment in the Senior Center and Patio area.
- Light snacks and refreshments.

This will be a great opportunity to highlight the many great connections and opportunities in our community and how this facility for 20 years has been a large part of that.

Please contact me with questions pertaining to this event.

JS/
20TH ANNIVERSARY
COMMUNITY CENTER/LIBRARY
ANNIVERSARY EVENT
Friday, May 6, 4-7 p.m.