

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the special meeting of the Brainerd Park Board was called to order at 4:02 p.m. by Board President Rushmeyer.

The following members were noted as present: Schaefer, Shipe, Yeager, Rushmeyer, and City Council Liaison Dave Badeaux. Member Boeder was noted absent.

Also noted present were City Engineer/Public Works Director Dehn and Recreation Coordinator Kaufman.

Approval of the Agenda - Approved

MOVED AND SECONDED BY MEMBERS YEAGER AND SCHAEFER, DULY CARRIED, TO AMEND THE AGENDA TO DISCUSSION OF ARPA FUND PROJECTS.

Unfinished Business

Park Board Work Session – Discussion of ARPA Fund Projects

Mr. Rushmeyer asked board members to go around the table to list their ARPA project priorities, then they will discuss as a group the projects that came up the most and assign dollar amounts. Mr. Yeager utilized the white board for the discussion that followed. Mr. Badeaux reported that City Council has directed all departments to make budget cuts for 2023.

Ms. Schaefer said her top three things, thinking of ARPA and getting families and the most people into parks after COVID, are the Lum Park Beach and possibly skating on the lake in the winter, adding tent camping to the Lum Park Campground to get more people into the area, and finishing the trail at Memorial Park. Mr. Rushmeyer noted that more campsites mean more revenue.

Mr. Shipe listed the skate park, Lum Park camping, replacing trees at Lum Park, mulching the tee boxes at the Lum Park disc golf course, adding security cameras to the rest of the parks, fixing the concession stand at Mills Field, the Memorial Park Phase 2 trail and disc golf, and the Buster Park gazebo.

Mr. Yeager's list includes building up the soccer fields at Jaycees Park for the various YMCA youth programs, the Buster Park gazebo, skate park, camping and the beach at Lum Park, disc golf, and the playground at Buffalo Hills-Lions Park.

Mr. Rushmeyer would like to see the Memorial Park project finished, Jaycees Park improvements including soccer fields, rinks, and the warming house, Lum Park beach and campground improvements, and clearing riverfront and lakeshore and possibly adding camping at Kiwanis Park.

Mr. Dehn brought forward consideration of a mobile concession trailer versus rebuilding, maintaining, and permitting three different concession stands.

Mr. Yeager led the discussion of the top \$500k-\$800k items. The Board's list of projects to present to City Council for ARPA funding consideration follows, with desired dollar amounts attached. Staff will prepare a request list with bulleted comments justifying each project for September 6, 2022

approval at the September 27 Park Board meeting and presentation at the October 3 City Council meeting.

Lum Park Campground expansion and improvements	\$150,000
Jaycees Park improvements to soccer fields, parking, warming house, outdoor rinks, trail, and horseshoe pits	\$200,000
Memorial Park project completion	\$125,000
Lum Park Beach expansion and improvements	\$150,000
Kiwanis Park riverfront and lakefront clearing	\$ 80,000
Skate Park	\$300,000

It was noted that Park Dedication Funds could be used for the Buster Park gazebo.

Ms. Kaufman was surprised the Buffalo Hills-Lions Park playground wasn't mentioned. Board members didn't want budgeted capital items included in the ARPA requests.

Adjourn

MOVED AND SECONDED AT 5:18 P.M. BY SCHAEFER AND SHIPE, DULY CARRIED, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Finch, Administrative Specialist