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**PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD WORKSHOP**  
**Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at 5:15 p.m.**  
**City Hall Training Room**

- Members Present:** Patricia LaRue (chair), Matt Janquart and Melissa Pedrini
- Members Absent:** Alyssa Mueller (Council Rep), Brandon Dobbertin, Brenda Gaulke
- Staff Present:** Cindi Danke-Recreation Manager; Brenda Rundle-Recreation Assistant; Mike Stifter-Public Works Director; Amy Peterson-Community Development Director, and Emily Shively-City Planner.
- Others Present:** Sean Downing, Ben Fochs, Bryan Thompson, Patricia Armstrong, Christopher P. Gagne, and Stephaine Falkers of SRF (virtually)

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting convened at 5:15 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

No quorum to approve the minutes from April 20, 2022.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS – Non-Agenda Items**

Sean Downing announced there is a first organizational meeting for Bee City USA after the Park Board meeting.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Due to lack of quorum, Park Board members that were present continued with a discussion of the agenda items.

1. Stephanie Falkers updated the board about the River Falls Outdoor Recreation Plan. There will be more pop-up events where planners can talk with the public about recreation planning. They also have upcoming stakeholder conversations planned. They posted a couple of park-specific surveys on EngageRF. The preliminary outdoor recreation physical inventory is being reviewed by staff. Next month the needs assessment will be discussed.

2. 46 people replied to the Wells Park survey. Approximately \$50k or more has been slated for the 2022-2026 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), in addition to possibly using some of the America Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. Local residents that live near Wells Park and attended the Park Board meeting stated that the tennis court is used often, but it needs much repair. Mowing is not always kept up, and the sand is dirty, and lighting could be improved. A small picnic shelter might be nice, especially since Wells Park is also a school bus stop. They indicated that a basketball court and a skateboard park is too noisy for a

small neighborhood park. They also would appreciate increased police presence and would like if the park closed earlier than 11:00 p.m..

3. Mike Stifter updated Park Board about current park projects. Staff is preparing the pool and splash pad. They are still working on the Glover Schoolhouse at DeSanctis Park. The Glen Park Pickleball court will be resurfaced soon. Cindi said soccer and baseball has started. The new disc golf course at Sterling Hills is being worked on.

**ACTION ITEMS**

None

**CALENDAR**

The next Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting will be June 15, 2022.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting ended at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Brenda Rundle  
Customer Service Representative