

## MEETING MINUTES - CITY OF TOMAH

A meeting of the **Parks & Recreation Commission (PRC)** for the City of Tomah was held on Monday Oct 26, 2020 at 5:45 p.m. at the Firemen's Park closed shelter.

The following members participated: Dir. Joe Protz, Donna Evans, Dean Peterson, Dustin Powell, Tess Saunders, Jared Tessman, Oak Moser, Shirley Galstad-Roh

The following members were absent: Bruce Peth

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Others present:

Act on Minutes of 9/28/20 regular meeting. A motion by Evans to accept the minutes of the Sep 28, 2020 regular meeting, second by Saunders, All ayes. Motion carried.

Goose Management: The Lake Committee has looked into the possibility of a Goose Management Program for Parks around the Lake. Geese have been present for years and tend to disrupt the Park and Trail users. Community members have raised concerns with the new Inclusive Playground to be installed in Butts Park and that it may turn into a collection area for goose droppings. After much discussion, no formal action was taken in last month's meeting. Dir Protz presented some additional information from the USDA on techniques to manage the goose population in the parks. There isn't a "one size fits all" method and an approach is likely to contain several actions depending on conditions in the parks. Once again, after significant discussion, and motion was made by Evans to apply for DNR available grants and try/experiment with different approaches that would not disturb property owners, be harmful to geese or the environment such as "lines" (ropes), safe repellants, etc..., second by Peterson. All ayes, motion carried.

Parks and Rec Program Report: Dir Protz reviewed the monthly 2020 Park and Rec Program report. Of particular note, winterization has been completed on Park restrooms with the onset of colder weather. Normal winter season activities are on hold pending access to facilities. The leak in the Aquatic Center main drain line has been located and repaired. The Rec Park grandstand bleacher repair (from summer storm damage and covered by insurance) will begin soon. Brickl Bro's and Kish and Sons contractors were awarded the work from the bid process.

Other Affairs:

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Motion by Tessman, to adjourn, second by Moser. All ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:05 PM.

Next regular meeting to be held Monday, Nov 23, 2020, 5:45PM, at Firemen's Park closed shelter.

Respectfully Submitted: Oak Moser