

the area have in place. City staff are working on obtaining an Emergency Notification system. Mayor Leonard will work with City Administrator Bjorklund to get a committee started.

Water Quality Testing Process Discussion – Jeremy Wood from Public Works was present to discuss the water quality issues the City faced in June and explained the testing process the City is required to follow. The City is under strict water testing standards. Wells are tested quarterly, random water sample sites are tested 3 times per month, and additional lead and copper water tests are conducted at residences in Amery. The City is also switching back to CTL for typical water tests but is also required to send water samples to another outside water lab for more in depth tests. June’s water tests that flagged bacteria in the water were caused by cross contamination by a new driver at the testing company that was not following proper transportation procedures.

Public Comment/Community Updates – No public comment was heard at this time.

Motion by Leonard; seconded by Manor; to adjourn at 6:44 P.M.

Ayes – 5

Nays – 0

Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Taylor Larson
City Deputy Clerk-Treasurer
June 23rd, 2023

Exhibit "A"
City of Amery
Arts, Parks and Recreation Committee

Respectfully submitted by appointed committee members: Chair, Tommy Dusek; Co-Chair, Catherine Olsen; Colleen Adams, Denise Johnson, Joyce Schaefer

On behalf of the Arts, Parks and Recreation Committee the following recommendations are being made after touring each of these park areas:

1) North Park

- a) Playground Equipment: Broken slides, missing bolts on slides and climbing tower, plastic equipment broken creating safety concerns.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Replace equipment; in the interim please consider taping these areas off so they are not used. *This is a priority item.*

- b) Pavilion: Open/exposed electrical fuse box causing safety concerns.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Cover and lock fuse box. *This is a priority item.*

- c) Basketball Court: Cracks in pavement

RECOMMENDATIONS: Fill Cracks

2) Bobber Park

- a) Missing and loose pavers/blocks around the Bobber

RECOMMENDATIONS: replace and repair pavers around the Bobber

- b) General Cosmetic Needs

RECOMMENDATIONS: Painting of Landings and repairing boards on landings in future.

3) Michael Park

- a) Exposed water on the side of the dam posing safety concerns.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Putting up fencing to prevent anyone from falling in. *This is a priority item.*

4) Soo Line Park

- a) Currently under construction

RECOMMENDATIONS: General cosmetic upgrades in the future

5) North Twin Park

- a) The dock has been welded together and the city crew feel the repair will not hold.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Replacing the dock for the next season.

- b) Missing any form of trash receptacle.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Put a trash can in the park.

6) South Twin Park (This park is very concerning considering we refer to ourselves as "The City of Lakes" and this is the only

beach option we have.)

- a) Safety concerns over the raft and lifeguard stand just sitting there posing safety concerns and vandalism opportunities.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Remove the floating raft and lifeguard stand as soon as possible.

- b) Safety concerns were raised with the current signage.

RECOMMENDATIONS: New signage, example below:

"South Twin Park Rules

Park hours are 5:00 AM to 9 PM

Swimming is at your own risk.

No Lifeguard is on Duty"

The other "rules" aren't being enforced, or not applicable, so remove them.

- c) Pavilion has rotten posts holding pavilion up, raising safety concerns over structural integrity.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Replace rotten posts

- d) Pickleball Court: Numerous pickleball players have expressed concerns over the safety of the current court. It was noted that there are several cracks in the court areas.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Future evaluation of the pickleball court to be included in strategic Planning. Perhaps pickleball players could join forces and start a fundraising campaign. In the interim recommend filling the cracks

e) Playground Equipment: Future evaluation and exploration of the need to replace or upgrade the playground equipment.

f) Overall concerns about safety and vandalism.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Upgrade security

g) There was discussion about the need to explore the addition of a Splash Pad and perhaps South Twin would be a location for this; bathroom would then need to be re-opened and remodeled.

7) Schumacher Park

a) Per a Garden Club member's request, they are asking for help covering the cost of mulch and annual flowers.

RECOMMENDATIONS: We suggest increasing the flower budget for the city to include Schumacher Park

to

help defray the costs of annuals and mulch by the Garden Club, which is losing membership.