

SAGINAW TOWNSHIP
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
February 20, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT

Cathy Jesko, Chairman
David Biver
Travis Hare
Mike Whelton

MEMBERS ABSENT

Scott Montalbano

OTHERS PRESENT

Dean Martin
Maintenance Supervisor
Linda Buska
Recreation Manager
Laurel Jenkins
Recording Secretary

1. Meeting was called to order by Cathy Jesko at 4:01 p.m.
2. Invocation – Travis Hare
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Comments from the Public:** None
5. Motion made by Travis Hare seconded by Mike Whelton to approve the January 16, 2024 minutes. Motion carried.

6. **REPORTS:**

Commissioners:

Mike Whelton reported that soccer registrations are now open. There will be two State Cups this year, one before and one after Memorial Day Weekend.

Recreation Manager:

Linda Buska reported:

- Music for Munchkins is holding a special One Hour Event on February 20th and 23rd. Children will be dressing up as their favorite princess or super hero for the event.
- Second Season of Youth Basketball begins Saturday, February 24th with 370 kids participating.
- Adult 2nd Season Winter Volleyball League has begun with 48 teams registered.
- Community Garden plots are full for the 2024 growing season with a wait list. The SVSU Biology Department has received a grant to build 1-2 compost bins and a vegetable stand. The bins will be placed north of the garden and the vegetable stand will be placed at the SW corner of the garden near the sidewalk. SVSU will maintain the compost bins and vegetable stand which will be used for those gardeners that wish to share their vegetables.

DPS:

Dean Martin reported:

- Continuing to clean up brush and trash from the parks.
- Berberovich Park is receiving some drain improvements to help with flooding.

7. **OLD BUSINESS:**

Mike Whelton commented that there is a definite need to explore future expansion and updating of the existing pickleball courts.

8. **NEW BUSINESS:**

Numerous Disc Golf sponsorships will be expiring in 2024. Commissioners will contact their assigned sponsors to renew. Linda Buska noted that beginning this year the Disc Golf course will be able to be reserved for tournaments. The fee is \$500 which will include the small pavilion.

9. Motion by David Biver seconded by Travis Hare to adjourn at 4:30 p.m.

Next meeting dates: Mar 18
Apr 15
May 20