Dixon Park Board Monday, January 29, 2024, 4pm

Dixon Park Board met in session Monday, January 29, 2024, 4 p.m. Attending were Commissioner Jeff Graham, Park Board members Lori Hayes, Mandee O'leary, and Barb Goff, and Jeannie Quattrocchi from GRADD. Park Board members Eddie Branson, Vicky Tillman, and Sondra Norman were absent.

Jeannie gave a brief overview of Land and Water Conservation grants available for park projects. The application is due by the end of May. Grants must have a minimum budget of \$50,000, with \$25,000 available from the grant and \$25,000 match required from the City. The City's matching portion can be met with in-kind labor included. A budget will need to be set, and a resolution and public hearing by the Commission will need to be held as part of the application process. It is likely approval of an application may not be known until Spring 2025.

The Board discussed options of projects, settling to research costs of installing batting cages and making that the main focus of a grant application. Lori made a motion, seconded by Mandee, all ayes.

A review of plans made previously by the Park Board was discussed as an update for new members. One of the most pertinent items was use of the park by sports organizations. Barb will reach out to WCYS to request a representative attend the next Park Board meeting, and other cities for examples of similar agreements.

A meeting was tentatively scheduled for February 15 at 4pm, pending availability of soccer representatives.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mandee, seconded by Lori, all ayes.

Barbara Goff, City Clerk