



**South St. Paul  
Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission  
Minutes of February 8, 2022**

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission meeting was called to order by Josh Regan at 6:00 p.m. at Doug Woog Arena

Members Present: Josh Regan, Cindy Bonowitz, Mike Lindamood, Ron Morgan

Members Absent: Lori Miller

Others Present: Joe Kaliszewski, Shannon Young, Mercedes Miklya, John Wilcox, Seth Anderson

**1. INTRODUCTIONS –none**

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Josh R and second by Mike L to approve the Minutes of October 10, 2021.

4 Yays O Nays Motion Approved.

No action was taken to approve the December 14, 2021 Minutes-quorum not met.

**3. OLD BUSINESS**

**3A. Recreation Program Updates – Outdoor Rinks, School Break Trips**

Flannel Fest: Ms. Miklya presented an overview of 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Flannel Fest. A weeklong event with winter activities. Ms. Miklya partnered with Concord Lanes, Croatian Hall, SSP police and South Metro fire. The events will run from Wednesday through Sunday, Lumberjack Lanes (bowling), Starlight Sledding, Babe's Boot Hockey Tournament, and Flapjacks and Flannels. Concord lanes is hosting Lumberjack Lanes with reduced lane and shoe rentals. The Police department will be hosting hot chocolate at the warming house and the fire department will install a stabilization rope for patrons at Starlight Sledding. The police department has also registered a team for Babe's boot hockey tournament on Saturday. The Croatian Hall has offered to host Flapjacks and Flannels, they will be donating back to South St. Paul Parks and Recreation's for youth programs.

**3B. Doug Woog Arena updates**

Mr. Wilcox noted the High School Boys and Girls tournament went well. Looking into how to handle the school buses next year during the drop off and pick up. The Gopher/St. Thomas game was a success, a lot of work went into organizing the game and logistics of parking and shuttles. Game tickets were sold out. Volunteers helped along with staff with concessions. Thanks to John Wilcox all the staff at Woog Arena and Mercedes Miklya for all the hard work making this event a huge success! Mr. Wilcox noted they replaced three hot water heaters. Mr. Wilcox noted they will be looking into replacing a Zamboni in the near future.

**3C. Wakota Trailhead & Overlook – FLAP Grant**

Ms. Young noted there were no updates to this at this time. Funding amount for the 2021 grant is still unknown.

**3F. Park Assignments/Visit Reports**

No new updates currently.

#### **4. NEW BUSINESS -**

##### **A. Tour of Doug Woog Arena**

Mr. Anderson gave an overview of the operations at Doug Woog Arena.

##### **5. Other Business**

Board Member Ron Morgan noted this will be his last meeting as he will be not be renewing his position on the board. Thank you Ron for your time on the board!

##### **6. ADJOURNMENT** – Next Meeting: March 8th, 2022 at City Hall

Respectfully submitted,  
Mercedes Miklya