

**Minutes  
Village of Elk Rapids  
Parks & Recreation Commission  
February 21, 2019**

Present: James Dake, Charlie Pryde, Beth Gunzwiller,, Melissa West, Caroline Kennedy

**MOTION** by **Dake**, **SECOND** by **West** to approve the January 3, 2018 minutes.  
All those present voting yes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:** One comment: appreciating the positive impact on Elk Rapids of the new skating rink.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- A. **Ice Rink update:** Caroline discussed the need to find a process to keep the rink shoveled during thaws. Options include finding a sponsor or families who would volunteer to shovel for fixed periods of time. Caroline also indicated Rotary may be helpful in funding wind blocks or warming hut.
- B. **Update Dam Beach Restrooms** –They are presently over budget about \$8,000. P&R needs to develop strategies to bridge the gap. Ground breaking will hopefully be in the spring
- C. **Murals update** perhaps use Elk Rapids school murals painted for 12 Days of Christmas
- D. **Paddle Antrim** : –is opening an office on River Street –explore moving dock at Rotary Park
- E. **Tobacco Free Beach** – set to be implemented in the summer
- F. **Walk with the Doc** – may have a permanent coordinator
- G. **Norte- update**, City has 4 bikes to use for borrowing – Charlie will do Wednesday night slow role

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. **County Park Fence** – Tart trail group asked if the fence at County Park could be removed Village council would need go to the County to request removal – **MOTION** by Pryde **Second** by Dake to recommend Village Council request removal of County Park Fence. All present voted yes. **MOTION CARRIED**
- B. Run, Tart trail fundraiser –look at Elk Rapids swim fundraiser
- D. Harbor float/movie – perhaps an end of summer bash, perhaps rent lease – other water attractions may be worthwhile slides

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**REPORTS:** Melissa reported Village annual budget approved and council is working on an ethic ordinance

**MOTION** by **James**, second by **WEST** to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 P.M.  
All those present voting yes. **MOTION CARRIED.**