

EMERGENCY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF CROSSLAKE
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2022
2:00 P.M. – CITY HALL

The Crosslake City Council met in an Emergency Session on Wednesday, January 12, 2022. The following Council Members were present: Mayor Dave Nevin, Aaron Herzog, John Andrews and Marcia Seibert-Volz. Dave Schrupp attended via Zoom because he was in Florida. Also in attendance were City Administrator Mike Lyonais, City Clerk Char Nelson, Park Director TJ Graumann, Public Works Director Ted Strand, Police Sergeant Jake Maier, and Fire Chief Chip Lohmiller. Northland Press Reporter Paul Boblett attended via Zoom.

Mayor Nevin called the meeting to order at 2:00 P.M.

TJ Graumann stated that he would like the Council to review its policy regarding gym rental at the Community Center. Mr. Graumann was asked last Friday by the Pequot Lakes youth basketball team to use the gym on this Sunday for a tournament that would run from 8am to 6pm. Regular hours for the Community Center on Sundays are from 12pm to 4pm. Mr. Graumann worked throughout the weekend to find staff to cover the hours of the tournament but determined Tuesday that no one was available.

Jeremy Max of 37634 Egret Road was helping the team to find a venue to play at and stated that the Community Center's rental agreement did not state that staff had to be present when it was rented. There is a \$100 security deposit which the organization would pay, there is a \$20 per hour fee for rental outside regular business hours which the organization would pay, and there is a requirement that a supervisor at least 21 years of age be present which the organization would provide. Mr. Max stated that the organization is willing to pay all costs involved and that it is not their fault that staff is unable to work.

Dave Nevin stated that he has offered to sit at the Community Center all day but wanted approval from the Council to do that. There was not enough time to call a special meeting before the tournament on Sunday.

TJ Graumann stated that patrons expect the weight room to be open from 12-4 and that if there is no staff, that will not be allowed. Mr. Graumann stated that the employee that normally works on Sunday is hesitant to work during a crowded basketball tournament due to COVID concerns. Normally 15-20 patrons use the Community Center on Sundays. Jeremy Max stated that they are not asking that the weight room be closed and stated that Nisswa's and Breezy Point's community centers do not require supervision. Mr. Max suggested that the City lock all areas except the gym and restrooms and stated that it is not fair that they cannot rent the facility because staff is not available.

John Andrews asked how many kids would be present. Jeremy Max replied that there would be two teams playing in the gym at all times and each team has about 10 kids on it. Jeremy Max read the agreement to the Council. Marcia Seibert-Volz stated that she does not see a problem if the agreement does not specify that staff must be present. Mr. Max stated that the tournament

carries insurance. Ms. Seibert-Volz asked why this issue was not brought up at the regular meeting on Monday, because this does not qualify as an emergency. TJ Graumann stated that he did not know on Monday that staff would be unavailable. Aaron Herzog stated that he is worried about controlling the behavior of parents and kids.

Jane Monson, Manager of Parks, Recreation and Library, reported to the Council that the Community Center has been rented out in the past outside regular hours, but that staff was always required to be present. Ms. Monson noted that a church rented the building on Sundays many years ago and a member of the church was hired by the City so that there was a staff member present while they held their service when the community center was closed.

Dave Schrupp stated that he would like a supervisor there all day. John Andrews stated that he thinks a City employee should be there all day. Dave Nevin volunteered to sit at the tournament all day. TJ Graumann stated that he does not want to penalize the youth and asked the Council to determine policy regarding the matter. Jeremy Max stated that the Park Director should be able to make this decision and that a special meeting was not necessary. MOTION 01SP2-01-22 WAS MADE BY MARCIA SEIBERT-VOLZ AND SECONDED BY DAVE NEVIN TO RENT THE COMMUNITY CENTER FOR THE YOUTH BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT ON SUNDAY AND TO NOT REQUIRE THAT STAFF BE PRESENT. Dave Nevin stated that he would be in and out. Jake Maier stated that someone will need to be there to open and close the building and stated that the police could be on hand to do that, if they are not on a call. ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AND MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES. TJ Graumann stated that there has not been an issue like this since he started and it was his intention to include the City Council on this decision in case something happened.

MOTION 01SP2-02-22 WAS MADE BY JOHN ANDREWS AND SECONDED BY DAVE NEVIN TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 2:40 P.M. ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AND MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

Respectfully Submitted,



Charlene Nelson
City Clerk