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The Planner reported that this amount will be included in the budget for 2017. If a movie is cancelled due to weather, the Town would have one year to reschedule. It was suggested that there be a list of dates when movies will be shown for the year, such as the second Saturday of the months of May, June, July and August and placed on the Town's website, facebook, etc.

The Event Planner proposed seeking a sponsor/s. The movie screen company can put sponsor logos or short commercials on the screen. There are photos and attendance information from the trial event to help sell sponsorships. Trial attendance was about 200 people with minimal promotion. Public Works Coordinator's needs are garbage removal and porta potties. Community involvement and cross promotion include: White Bear Food Shelf; White Bear/Vadnais Lions Clubs; Food trucks; allow some businesses to have booths for a nominal fee?

Lee moved to recommend to the Town Board to approve the expenditure of up to \$9,000 for Movies in the Park at Polar Lakes Park for the months of May, June, July, and August 2017, noting that sponsorships will be sought to reduce the cost, and that the Park Board will work with the EDAB, using Deb Stender, Event Coordinator, as agent. Nasvik seconded. Ayes all.

Township Day: Deb Stender reported that she met with the White Bear Press regarding the promotional tab for Township Day. They discussed "beefing" up the information by showcasing the Township and what the Park Board is doing. This is an opportunity for the Park Board to author information on the Township, Township Park, and Township life. She noted that the promotional tab goes to residences in the Township, White Bear, and Vadnais Heights. Content for the informational tab is August 15th. Park Board Chair and the Planner will work with Deb Stender on the information tab. The White Bear Press intends to be present at the Township Day event.

There was discussion on marketing Polar Lakes Park. Comments and suggestions included:

- This is not a White Bear park but a Township park.
- We need to self-promote the park.
- There is a need for someone to market the park.
- Have soccer / baseball association have games at the Township Day event.

Vendors: Vendors are on board. There appears to be a good variety and food enough for the expected population now. The VFW is committed as well as the White Bear Lions Club. The Lions Club will do hamburgers and hot dogs. Deb Stender emailed some merchandising vendors this week.

Silent Auction: Deb Stender asked if a raffle may be better than a silent auction as a different approach. She will look into necessary licensing. The Planner will look into the legal aspect.

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Other: The Drum Line is committed. Deb Stender reported that there is a young lady who would like to sing the National Anthem. She is vocally gifted. Nasvik graciously offered that the young lady sing the National Anthem before the fireworks and Pete Nasvik's group sing during the event at another time other than before the fireworks. It was noted that a time needs to be set for the Town Board to be together for introductions. It was the consensus that it would be best towards evening. Deb Stender will take care of the staff shirts for the Park Board.

Posters: The draft of the poster was reviewed. It was the consensus that it is very good. Two suggestions were made: 1) Make the words **Polar Lakes Park** larger; and 2) provide a phone number.

POLAR LAKES PARK- BALLFIELD MODIFICATIONS: At previous Park Board meetings the members were presented with rehabilitation options for the ballfields at Polar Lakes Park. The baseball fields have had drainage issues over the past 10 years. Work was completed to address both the grass infields and outfields of fields #1 and #3 and the drain tile installation in both of the grass areas has greatly improved playability. The existing ag lime that was installed in all four fields provides for substandard playing conditions after a moderate rain fall. That combines with poor drainage subsoils under the 6"-7" of ag lime has deterred baseball associations from committing to scheduling tournaments at the Town's complex. Public Works Director reported that he has been working with two vendors on field renovations. No work is planned on fields #1 and #3 at this time but a cost estimate was solicited. To add irrigation and seed for fields #1 and #3 is estimated to cost \$8,000. Cost estimate for seed, irrigate warning track and infield and pitching mounds for field #2 is: \$38,377.50; for draitile outfield; \$9,756.25 for draitile infield; seed and irrigate warning track and infield: \$11,000; pitching mound: \$5,000 for a total cost for field #2 of \$64,133.75. Cost estimated for field #4: draitile outfield: \$30,983.75; draitile infield: \$10,666.25; seed and irrigate warning track and infield: \$11,000; pitching mound: \$5,000 for a total cost for field #4 of \$57,650.00. Total cost for the work on all four fields is \$129,783.75. It was noted that there is a need for 75' fields in this area. In response to a question if there is a demand for two more fields, the Public Works Director stated that if they were available they would be in demand. It was the consensus that staff contact the baseball association to ask if they would use the fields if the Township invested the money in rehabilitation of the fields. If they would not use the fields there is no reason to rehabilitate all of them. Staff will also obtain statistics on how often the fields were used this year.

Nasvik moved to table the matter of Polar Lakes Park ballfield modification until more information is obtained. Lee seconded. Ayes: Nasvik, Lee, Archer, Peterson. Nay: Kennedy.

EAGLE PARK TENNIS COURTS: There was discussion regarding tennis courts in the Township. Originally the Town had 14 courts and now has 8 courts. It was noted that tennis courts are a Township amenity and once a court is removed it is gone. A long

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term approach on tennis courts needs to be addressed. It is possible that in the future there could be courts at Polar Lakes Park.

Quotes have been received from three tennis repair contractors to resurface the Eagle Park tennis courts. \$85,000 was budgeted this year to repair the courts, upgrade the playground and improve the picnic shelter. The shelter has been upgraded now. All three of the tennis court professionals did not provide quotes to resurface the courts as they all feel that the courts are beyond resurfacing but rather must be reconstructed. Because reconstruction is substantially costlier than just resurfacing, it is recommended the reconstruction of the courts be added to a future CIP. It is estimated that the cost to reconstruct the courts will be approximately \$50,000 for two courts. It was suggested to only do one court but it was decided to do both of the Eagle Park courts. It was noted that interest in pickle ball is growing and the courts are striped for pickle ball. It was the consensus to table the matter of Eagle Park tennis courts since they will not be done this year.

Lee moved to table the matter of Eagle Park tennis courts since they will not be done this year. Kennedy seconded. Ayes all.

SOUTH SHORE BOULEVARD TRAIL / JOINT MEETING WITH CITY OF WHITE BEAR LAKE PARK BOARD (OCTOBER): The Park Board will meet with the City of White Bear Lake Park Board in October. Both meetings are scheduled for October 20th.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR REPORT: The Public Works Director reviewed the Public Works Department activity for June, as it relates to the parks. **Eagle Park:** Playground equipment replacement project has been awarded to St. Croix Recreation and demolishing of existing equipment will be completed soon. **Longville Tennis Court Rehabilitation:** The Town Board approved the color coat surfacing at the June 20, 2016 meeting. Revised quote for fencing was presented separately. The courts should be playable in early August. **Handicap Access:** Handicap access improvements at various parks are being done. **Polar Lakes Baseball Fields:** Fields #1 and #3 are ag lime replacement. The rehabilitation of fields #2 and #4 are proposed to be grass baselines from home plate to 1st and from 3rd base to home place with ag lime from 1st base to 3rd base. Quotes were reviewed earlier in this meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Joan J. Clemens

Recording Secretary