PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING NOTES
1.13.2024

1. **2025 ORG VOTES**
    a. Recommendations for Chair: Melissa Uff
    b. Recommendation for Secretary: Jedd Komlos

2. **New Business**
    a. Melissa presented how she used an AI tool to help summarize and prioritize list of projects, using maps and comp plans she entered.
    b. We reviewed and discussed the projects and summary
    c. Comp plans used from 2021 and 2022
    d. Restrooms were discussed since it ranked #2 in AI priority list
        i. Randy presented info about cost, location and safety/vandalism concern
        ii. Security cameras/ systems discussed as options

3. **Capital Projects Workshop**
    a. Got started with Key Project List and recommendations for Township Capital Projects for the upcoming years
    b. Discussed how to define the list we are creating (how many years out? Top 3 etc projects?)
        i. AI tool Top 3 Recommendations for 2025/2026:
            1. Neffs Valley Park Improvement Plan
            2. Permanent Public Restroom @ IRT
            3. Pickleball Courts
    c. Mike discussed timing to approximate a 3-Year Window IF we need to apply for a Grants for any particular project.
    d. Neffs Valley Park is already a priority project (does not need to be considered)
    e. Randy update: We can fit 2 Pickleball Courts at HQ (using NWT funding)
    f. Mike gave advice to "just make a list trying to not think about cost, and more about what the Parks & Rec Board think we need" - BOS will manage cost, etc
    g. Melissa had the idea to "budget for one new Playground renovation per year"?
    h. Randy talked about future Grant ideas to focus on "annual Park or Playground improvements", and planning the annual Grant applications for each Playground
    i. Oldest two Playgrounds: Independence and Kolepeka
    j. Discussed Johnson Pond improvements
    k. Discussed how to prioritize Capital Projects and different ways to define what is important (all-new facility (bike track), safety updates (failing playgrounds), how parks are affected and demographics, etc)

4. **RANKED LIST: FINAL CAPITAL PROJECT PRIORITY LIST as agreed upon by the Parks & Rec Board**
    a. 1A: Pickleball Courts at Independence Park
    b. Independence Park Upgrades
    c. Municipal Park Upgrades
    d. Johnson's Pond Upgrades
    e. New Southern Border Park??? Board Member recommended approaching Jaindl for contributing to new Southern Park land or location