

**CITY OF SHAKOPEE, MINNESOTA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-094**

**RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE ACTIONS OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Governor Tim Walz by enacting Emergency Executive Order 20-01 declared a peacetime emergency in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic;

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020 Governor Walz by enacting Emergency Executive Order 20-04 ordered the closure of places of public accommodation, including “gymnasiums, fitness centers, recreation centers, indoor sports facilities, indoor exercise facilities, exercise studios, and... skating rinks”;

WHEREAS, during the period covered by the Governor’s orders, the Shakopee Community Center and Ice Arena were totally shut down to the public with no revenue generated;

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has affected all aspects of city operations, but none as significantly as the activities of the Department of Parks and Recreation;

WHEREAS, despite the impact of the Governor’s orders, Jay Tobin, Director of Parks and Recreation, his leadership team including Sherry Dvorak (Recreation Programs Manager), Troy Ciernia (Recreation Facilities Manager) and Terry Link (Building Maintenance Manager), and his staff adjusted to the new environment, initially by conducting maintenance, then shifting to preparation for how business would be conducted in the future;

WHEREAS, in the interim Department staff offered alternative programming to residents both online and under COVID-19 restriction in city parks;

WHEREAS, due to this preparation, when Governor Walz allowed the facilities to partially reopen, the employees of the Department were fully prepared with a COVID-19 Plan that focused on safety and customer satisfaction;

WHEREAS, multiple Park and Recreation employees have been recognized individually for their work during this period, including Katelyn Nadeau (Aquatics Supervisor), Scott Smith (Ice Arena Lead Worker) and Mark Schneider (Recreation Supervisor); and

WHEREAS, on June 8, 2020, in recognition of the effort of all Parks and Recreation employees, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board commended the department noting their exemplary work in managing a difficult situation, keeping residents safe, and effectively managing budgets and activities in a difficult time;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shakopee, Minnesota, that the City Council commends the leadership and staff of the Parks and Recreation

Department for their outstanding planning, flexibility, steadfast determination and customer service during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Shakopee, Minnesota this 5<sup>th</sup> day of August 2020.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk