

Minutes
COVID-19 Response Team
Video Conferencing
Thursday, July 2, 2020
7:30 a.m.

PRESENT: Tim Soular, East Range Police Department Chief; Becky Lammi, Aurora City Administrator; Jeff Jacobson, Biwabik City Administrator; Becky Burich, Hoyt Lakes City Clerk; Amanda Gross, Mesabi East School Board; Laura Ackman, Essentia Health Administrator

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m.

Mesabi East School District requested input from the Response Team regarding the fitness center. The COVID-19 Response Team recommends the fitness center remains closed temporarily.

The Hoyt Lakes Water Carnival submitted a list of potential activities for review. Community parade, tee-time golf tournament, and fireworks were a few of the activities on the list. The COVID-19 Response Team approves the list of activities at this current time, with the understanding the situation is continuously evolving.

Berdice Baseball Tournament submitted their COVID-19 plan to the Team for review. Concerns were brought up regarding the lack of masks, controls regarding contact, and other issues regarding safety. The COVID-19 Response Team does not approve the Tournament as presented; they request the Berdice Baseball Tournament organizers submit a more stringent COVID-19 plan.

The Response Team discussed Public Buildings. The Hoyt Lakes Senior Center was approved to reopen as it is a standalone building which is not disinfected by City Staff. All other community centers and pavilions will remain closed. All City Halls and Libraries will also remain closed.

Tim Soular had no East Range Police Department updates other than what was discussed.

Becky Burich stated the Hoyt Lakes Public Library has purchased a screen to show outdoor movies.

Jeff Jacobson said some 4th of July events were planned; they requested the City of Biwabik block off a few half-block sections behind the establishments.

Becky Lammi reviewed the events for Patriotic Days in Aurora.

Amanda Gross outlined a grant ME3C received from Essentia Health and briefly discussed the volleyball camp.

Laura Ackman said Essentia Health will start with outdoor resident visits next week. There will be a series of COVID-19 testing.

The next meeting will be TBD via Zoom. This is a closed meeting.