



# FOX CROSSING PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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## PARK COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

March 13, 2024

**Park Commissioners Present:** Jim Beson, Jordyn Kurer, Chris McCoy, Steve Otto, Kathy Sylvester, Jean Wollerman

**Staff Present:** Director Amanda Geiser

**Excused:** Suneer Patel

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The Commission meeting was held at the Municipal Complex, 2000 Municipal Dr., Neenah, and was called to order by Commissioner Beson at 6:00PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and roll call was taken.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND DISCUSSION OF EXPENDITURES

The Park Commission dispenses with the reading of, and adopts, the February 14, 2024, regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Sylvester motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Kurer. Motion carried.

### PUBLIC FORUM

- None

### DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION

**A. 2023 Reciprocity Report:** Director Geiser reviewed the Fox Crossing-Menasha reciprocity agreement numbers for 2023. The report detailed the number of residents from each municipality that received the resident rate by either participating in recreation programs or renting a facility in the neighboring community. There were more Fox Crossing residents that participated in Menasha recreation programs in 2023. Director Geiser noted that this was primarily attributed to three programs that the city offers that Fox Crossing is not able to offer at this point in time. Those programs being Camp Champs (full day summer camp program), Gymnastics and Swim Lessons. When it comes to facility rentals, Fox Crossing saw a total of 156 rentals from Menasha residents, compared to the 4 Fox Crossing residents that reserved Menasha facilities. There was discussion from the Commission as to whether or not Fox Crossing residents receive priority when renting and Director Geiser indicated that all facilities have an 11 month in advance reservation start date. She felt that if residents are proactive and make their reservations early there generally shouldn't be an issue. She mentioned that we want Fox Crossing residents to be able to rent as much as possible, but we also want to make sure we are meeting our budget projections as well.

### REPORTS

- A. Park Report:** Accepted as written.
- B. Recreation Report:** Accepted as written.
- C. Director Report:** Accepted as given.
- D. Commission Reports:**
  - **Commissioner Beson:** No report.
  - **Commissioner Otto:** No report.
  - **Commissioner Kurer:** No report.
  - **Commissioner McCoy:** No report.
  - **Commissioner Patel:** Excused.
  - **Commissioner Sylvester:** No report.
  - **Commissioner Wollerman:** No report.

## OLD BUSINESS

- None

## NEW BUSINESS

- A. Bird Scooter Program:** *Commissioner Sylvester made a motion to recommend the approval of a 2024 agreement allowing the use of BIRD Scooters on the Loop the Lake Trail to the Village Board.*

Director Geiser reviewed data from 2023 in which there were 511 BIRD Scooter trips that either started or ended in Fox Crossing for a total of 1,210 miles travelled. There were no significant complaints received by the Fox Crossing Police Department and the surrounding communities did not have any concerns or incidents last year other than scooter parking complaints. The majority of the parking complaints were made by one individual. Representatives from Menasha would like to see Fox Crossing expand our use areas to allow for easier travel on the east side of the village where Menasha allows use near the borders. Commission members discussed the program. Many wondered why the Village allows the scooters but chooses not to receive any revenue. Director Geiser noted that was a choice made based on the recommendation from our attorney and the Village Board. Others indicated they do not want to see Loop the Lake trail access limited and are okay with the agreement staying the same as it has been. Ultimately the Commission would like to see the approval and also suggest support to the Village Board if they were to desire to expand the use area.

*The motion was put to a vote and all were in favor, motion carried unanimously.*

## ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Otto motioned, seconded by Commissioner Sylvester, to adjourn the Park Commission meeting at 6:45PM. Motion carried unanimously.

***The next Commission meeting is scheduled for April 10, 2024, at the Municipal Complex, 2000 Municipal Drive, Neenah, at 6:00PM.***

Sincerely,



Jim Beson

Chairperson - Village of Fox Crossing Park Commission