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PARK COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

May 11, 2022

Park Commissioners Present: Jim Beson, Steve Otto, Paul Vandenberg, Jean Wollerman, Kathy Sylvester, Rhonda Elliott, and Jason Patzwald

Staff Present: Director - Amanda Geiser, Village Manager – Jeff Sturgell

Public: Rae Tyrriver, Kevin Otto

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The Commission meeting was held at the Municipal Complex, 2000 Municipal Dr., Neenah, and was called to order by Commissioner Patzwald 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 April 13, 2022, regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Beson motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Vandenberg. Commissioners Elliott and Patzwald abstained. Motion carried.

PUBLIC FORUM

- **Rae Tyrriver** – Resident of O’Hauser Park Neighborhood. Many new residents are dog owners and the dog waste has increased in the last five years. The neighborhood would like the Commission to consider Pet Waste Stations around O’Hauser and the trail system. Rae believes additional bins and bag stations would encourage owners to pick up after their pet(s). An idea would be to have local pet owners sponsor stations (i.e. name plaques), and to distribute flyers indicating the villages dog ordinances as well as the locations of the pet waste stations to residents in the O’Hauser Park area when they purchase dog licenses.

DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION

- Electric Scooters on Trails** – Director Geiser shared that BIRD Scooters has an interest in bringing their scooters to the Village of Fox Crossing. Director Geiser asked for feedback/thoughts from the Commission as it relates to changing the ordinance to allow for this usage. Commissioner Beson feels the trails are used for “muscle powered” activities, and the scooters don’t appear recreational. Commissioner Otto had the same objections as Commissioner Beson with the trails only being used for riding bikes and pedestrian use. Commissioner Elliott has seen them in Appleton and would like to try it. Commissioner Vandenberg likes this idea better than driving a car, and thinks the Commission should allow it for one year, then re-assess. Commissioner Patzwald would like to try it on the loop. Commissioner Wollerman walks on the Trestle Trail and feels it might be difficult for the scooters to always stay on the right side. If this is passed, the profits/revenue should be used to put up signs indicating ‘walkers to the right, bikers on the left.’ The consensus of the Commission was to try for one year limit usage of the scooters to the loop. Village Manager Sturgell sat in on the discussion and indicated that he and Director Geiser would take the proposal to the Village Board.

REPORTS

- Park Report:** Accepted as written.

- B. **Recreation Report:** Accepted as written.
- C. **Director Report:** Accepted as given.

Commission Reports:

Commissioner Beson: Commissioner Beson is doing work at Gant, and will be doing a walk-through at Rydell with maybe Randy, Foreman Tauscher and Director Geiser.

Commissioner Elliott: None

Commissioner Otto: None

Commissioner Patzwald: None

Commissioner Sylvester: Commissioner Sylvester wanted to add to the pet waste station conversation that there is a lot of feces around the O’Hauser Park soccer fields, and that she would like more signage, and bag stations, etc.

Commissioner Vandenberg: None

Commissioner Wollerman: None

OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **Wittmann Park Land Use Agreement – Wisconsin United FC:** The agreement would replace the current 2017-2024 Wittmann soccer field usage agreement with Menasha Area Soccer Club (MASC) to reflect that MASC has merged with Wisconsin United FC (WUFC). Commissioner Vandenberg made a motion to approve this agreement, and Commissioner Elliott seconded. All approved, motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Otto motioned, seconded by Commissioner Sylvester, to adjourn the Park Commission meeting at 7:08PM. Motion carries unanimously.

The next Commission meeting is scheduled for June 8 at the Municipal Complex, 2000 Municipal Drive, Neenah, at 6:00PM.

Sincerely,



Jason Patzwald
Chairperson - Village of Fox Crossing Park Commission