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PARK COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

November 9, 2022

Park Commissioners Present: Steve Otto, Jason Patzwald, Jim Beson, Kathy Sylvester, Jean Wollerman, and Chris McCoy

Staff Present: Director - Amanda Geiser, Recreation Supervisor – Leah Zak

Public: John Terlap and Jordyn Kurer

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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 October 12, 2022, regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Beson motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Sylvester. Motion carried.

PUBLIC FORUM

- None

DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION

- A. Volunteer of the Year Recommendation: Director Geiser shared that she would like to recognize Rob Kalishek for Volunteer of the Year for all his work on the bike trails at Woodland Prairie Park. This presentation will take place at the December 14, 2022, Park Commission meeting. The Commission agreed with this choice.
B. 2022 Park Pavilion Rental Summary & Survey Results: Director Geiser shared the numbers for the 2022 park pavilions. The Commission asked about possibly adding more breakers at the pavilions; Director Geiser said it's not a major problem but can be looked at in the future budget cycles.

REPORTS

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

Commission Reports:

Commissioner Beson: None

Commissioner Otto: None

Commissioner Patzwald: None

Commissioner Sylvester: Commissioner Sylvester commented that there was a cedar tree down near one of the O'Hauser ballfields. By meeting time, this had been taken care of.

Commissioner McCoy: None

Commissioner Wollerman: None

OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. O’Hauser Park Disc Golf – Beginner Course Addition:** Director Geiser and John Terlap presented a proposal for a 9-hole beginner disc golf course on the west side of the current course. This is based on a recommendation from the Disc Golf Advisory Committee. This new course would be easier for beginner golfers, and improve flow on the existing 18-hole course. Commissioner Sylvester was not opposed to the idea, but had concerns about the local wildlife. Commissioner Beson noted that deer tend to come and go, and this new course should not be a major disturbance. Commissioner Wollerman suggested that the area be looked at after a snow fall to see if there are any tracks which would indicate deer presence. John Terlap said he would be happy to walk with any commissioners through the proposed area, and also indicated he could most likely fit in all 9 holes east of the trail. Director Geiser said she would work with John on revisions to the current plan, and bring any major changes before the Commission prior to tee pad and basket installation. The Commission was comfortable with that plan. The Commission then asked about a completion date, and it was noted that this could possibly be done by May/early summer. Commissioner Beson motioned to approve this new disc golf course, with Commissioner Patzwald seconding. All approved; motion carried.
- B. Parks & Recreation Department Philosophy and Related Policies:** Commissioner Sylvester made a motion to approve the updated Parks and Recreation Policies. Commissioner Otto seconded. All approved; motion carried.
- C. Approval of Fritsch Park User Agreement – YMCA of the Fox Cities:** Commissioner Beson made a motion to approve the new, 1-year agreement for YMCA of the Fox Cities’ use of the sports field at Fritsch. Commissioner Wollerman seconded the motion; all approved, motion carried.
- D. Approval of Palisades Park User Agreement:** A new, 2-year proposal was brought to the Commission from Menasha Youth Sports for use of the ballfields at Palisades Park. Commissioner Sylvester motioned to approve this proposal, and Commissioner Otto seconded. All approved; motion carried.
- E. 2023 Park Commission Meeting Dates:** A motion was made by Commissioner Beson to approve the 2023 Park Commission Meeting Dates. Commissioner Otto seconded; all approved, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Otto motioned, seconded by Commissioner Sylvester, to adjourn the Park Commission meeting at 7:11PM. Motion carries unanimously.

The next Commission meeting is scheduled for December 14 at the Municipal Complex, 2000 Municipal Drive, Neenah, at 6:00PM.

Sincerely,



Jason Patzwald
Chairperson - Village of Fox Crossing Park Commission