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PARK COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

March 10, 2021

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

Excused Absence: Jean Wollerman

Staff Present: Director - Amanda Geiser, Administrative Assistant – Jackie Kempf

Public: Trish Nau - Principal Park and Recreation Planner at East Central Wisconsin Regional (ECWRPC)

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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 February 10, 2021, regular meeting minutes, pending changes made to the Motion to Adjourn. Commissioner Elliott motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Beson. Motion carried. Commissioner Vandenberg abstains.

PUBLIC FORUM

None

DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION

- A. Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP) Kick Off: Trish Nau from ECWRPC shared the process overview for the 5-year CORP plan. In her presentation, she shared four phases of the planning process, as well as a tentative timeline for the approximate 9-12 month planning process. Commissioner Vandenberg asked if the Village will be compared to other surrounding communities. Trish responded with "Yes," based on a comparable population base to the Village. Commissioner Vandenberg also asked when the park survey could be sent to residents; Director Geiser suggested April.
B. Park Tour: Commissioners Patzwald and Elliott agree that touring the parks in a group is best. Commissioner Vandenberg asked if the tours will be considered an official meeting. Director Geiser will find out.
C. Rydell Conservancy Camping Discussion: Commissioner Vandenberg had suggested in September 2020 about offering an urban camping experience at The Rydell Conservancy. Commissioner Beson suggested that Woodland Prairie as a better location. Commissioner Otto shared his opinions and concerns regarding water and plumbing, based on his years of Boy Scout camping experience. Commissioner Sylvester

is worried about the impact on the natural and staffing resources. Director Geiser stated that this idea will be tabled for the time being due to current COVID restraints, working on the 5-year CORP, and other upcoming projects. Also to possibly wait until Woodland Prairie Park is further developed.

REPORTS

- A. Park Report:** Commissioner Vandenberg asked when the bathrooms at the parks will open. Director Geiser answered that, weather dependent, it will be early May.
- B. Recreation Report:** Accepted as given.
- C. Director Report:** Commissioner Beson asked about the age requirement for the park maintenance position. Director Geiser answered with 18.

Commission Reports:

Commissioner Beson: None

Commissioner Elliott: None

Commissioner Otto: None

Commissioner Patzwald: None

Commissioner Sylvester: None

Commissioner Vandenberg: Commissioner Vandenberg commented on Frisch Park being wet, but draining well, he gave a kuddos to Director Geiser for the well put together Year-in-Review document, and he shared that the area between Irish Road/CB & Jacobson is a nightmare and very dangerous. Director Geiser noted that this issue is in the budget/plan for design work in 2021, and development shortly after.

Commissioner Wollerman: None

OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Adopt-A –Trail Request (Benoit Family):** Commissioner Beson motioned to accept, Commissioner Elliott seconded the motion. All approved.
- B. Adopt-A –Trail Request (Brenda Ambrosius):** Commissioner Beson motioned to accept, Commissioner Vandenberg seconded the motion. All approved.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Otto motioned, seconded by Commissioner Sylvester, to adjourn the Park Commission meeting at 7:27PM. Motion carries unanimously.

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

Sincerely,



Jason Patzward KATHLEEN M SYLVESTER
Vice Chairperson - Village of Fox Crossing Park Commission