

Parks and Recreation Committee

Minutes

Wednesday, April 6, 2022

6 pm. at Owen City Hall

Called to order at 6:00 pm. By Chairman Wilczek

Roll call: Bob Wilczek, Rocky Lehr, Lonnie Kroeplin, Joan Jalling, Charlie Milliren, Rick Nelson and Tim Swiggum. Absent-none.

Landon Profaizer-West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission

Others present: Chad Smith-DPW, C.J. Kreuzer-PW, Cindy Cardinal-O-W Enterprise.

Minutes from 8/19/2020: A Milliren/Jalling motion and second to approve the minutes as written passed unanimously.

Clark County Outdoor Recreation Plan: Landon Profaizer introduced to the group. He explained the background of the Clark County Outdoor Recreation Plan and where it is in the process currently. The City Council has already approved the city's participation in the plan, and this is the time to put forth an updated plan. New ideas and a reasonable wish list are encouraged to be included. Many times, grants become available and require the project to be included in a regional plan. We did this 5 years ago, completed some projects but not others. An update is due. Landon took notes regarding the discussion and will send an updated version of our plan to us in the next few weeks. We will still have time to amend our plan before it goes to the County Board.

Some items discussed to be included were:

A designated park at 8th St. and Cedar St. by the new pond, Millpond bridge footings, warming hut replacement, power pole by the fishing pier, electrical update for the band pavilion, dam repairs (inspection next year), boat landing-dry hydrant, playground equipment (all parks), Fremont Park upgrades, bathroom at Kerry Park, , remove light poles from the Crowley Park ball field, dog park plan, update campsites w/ gravel and security measures, improved cameras at all park bathrooms, trash receptacles, mosquito control and more.

The committee thanked Landon for making the trip over and he exited the meeting.

Will Maki Foundation Memorial: Millpond Waterway Permit: Ben Esker provided a drawing of the memorial area and relayed that they had talked to the DNR and were told that it is up to the city as it is our jurisdiction. That was welcome news. There was discussion surrounding the other ideas and plans that were discussed previously such as the boat launch and a dry hydrant. The committee is not sure if those type of plans were discussed with the DNR. After discussion, Smith and Kreuzer volunteered to call the regional office director in Taylor County who they have worked with before. She will help them or direct them to the right people. If a permit is needed, it has already been approved a while back and they should get the application in promptly.

Crowley Park Improvements: Cameras are definitely needed at the bathrooms. They need to be a quality that can provide evidence of vandalism and who is entering. The Dog Park was discussed, and prices are still quite high at this time. Mosquito control would be nice along the campground and trail. There are safe and approved treatments but they cost money. We can look into costs at the next meeting.

Future Agenda Items: Outdoor Recreation Plan, Goose and Mosquito Control,

Next Meeting: TBD.

Adjourn: Wilczek adjourned the meeting at 7:50

Submitted by
Tim Swiggum