

Parks & Recreation
Minutes of
January 22, 2020

Roll Call: B. Anderson, J. Beck, L. Meneghini, J. Morgan, and L. Weise

Absent: P. Hayes, D. Harder, T. Spence, and J. Tinti

Others Present: Ray Anderson, City Manager, and resident Saunja Morgan

Election of Officers: Park & Recreation Committee discussed election of Officers.

Approve: A motion was made by Member L. Meneghini, supported by Member J. Morgan and unanimously approved appointment of T. Spence as Chairperson, J. Beck as Vice Chairperson, and L. Meneghini as Secretary for the Parks & Recreation Committee.

Approve Agenda: A motion was made by Member L. Meneghini, supported by Member J. Beck and unanimously approved Agenda for January 22, 2020.

Approve Minutes: A motion was made by Member J. Morgan, supported by Member L. Weise and unanimously approved minutes of December 18, 2019.

Citizen Time: None

Old Business:

Main Street Pocket Parks (US2/Main Street & Veterans Park) – The City continues to work with local contractors to get a proposal for the project. The manager also provided some background information for the park project for new members.

Strawberry Lake Project – An update was provided on the project which is on hold until the spring. The remaining work items include construction of the bleachers (local share), the installation of the lake pump, and the start up of the irrigation system. The contractor is complete however a final punch list will be reviewed in the spring and repairs made if necessary. The committee also discussed the possibility of a phase 2 grant application.

Non-Motorized Trails – An update was provided for the activities of the DTN and future trails connecting Strawberry Lake and heading into the school property east of the park.

Urban Forestry Program – Tree Nursery, Planting (tree purchasing) – A progress report was provided for the timber cutting in Wisconsin across from the power dam. The committee also discussed future activities for the boulevard tree planting and the nursery. It was agreed that we should again advertise even though the public participation for the program has severely diminished over the past couple of years. The committee also discussed the possibility of allowing the city to plant trees in the front yards on private property especially along streets like Brown Street where the boulevards are too narrow to adequately plant a boulevard tree. This would be something that the council would need to approve.

New Business: No new Business

Citizen Comment: No Comments.

Board Member Privilege: None.

Next Meeting Date: February 26, 2020

Adjourn: A motion was made by Member B. Anderson, supported by Member J. Morgan and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting.

Lee Menghini, Secretary