



PARKS MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

January 11, 2023

Attendees

Matthew Weyer
Jill Schipp
Natalie Howard
Tom Lueken
Mike Steffe
Sharon Bohenkemper
Sue Fink
Jacob Keller
Nora Welp
Kerri Blessinger

The meeting started at 4:32 pm. We read over the meeting minutes. Mike made a motion to approve the minutes; Jill seconded. All were in favor of approving the minutes. We read over the finances. Mike made a motion to approve the finances; Matt seconded; all were in favor.

Eagle Scouts

Jacob Keller presented his project to the board. He would like to put in a French drain at a spot on the trail where it has significant flooding. Ralph had dug a trench in that spot but having a French drain installed what will empty towards the lake is what Jacob would like to do. We agreed that this would be a good project but before Jacob could start, he would need to meet with Tom to get a plan. If we need to shut down the trail for any amount of time, we need to provide signage letting people know. Jacob estimates the drain will cost around \$200 and that he will need 30-35 feet of materials. He will transport material to the area via a wheelbarrow. His scout leader is Paul Messmer.

Nora Welp would like to put up a story walk around the disc golf path. She presented putting up 16 posts with signs on them. The signs would be interchangeable so the story can change from time to time. The public library would be in charge of maintaining the stories. Nora will speak to the library staff about fundraising for this project. Tom suggested that the post go in where mulch is already located. Nora said that would be a good idea. She would like to start on this in the spring/early summer. She has to get the project approved by the scouts first.

Fifth Street Park

The pine trees will come in this spring. Jill and Brett bought 10 trees, which have been planted, mulched and staked.



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Mike and Matt met with Brett Schipp at 5th street on ideas on how to spend money on the old little league baseball building. Brett said that he will come up with some ideas. He plans to call Jeff Durlauf to see if he has any suggestions. If we are going to tear down the structure we probably won't start until after baseball season is over.

Matt will ask Ben for the status of the water sprinkling. We hope to have water by August. Tenbarga sent a quote to Mike for some work at the fields, but Mike is going to ask for a requote. The pickleball court are in good shape.

18th Street Park

We need to look at resurfacing the playground. Mike said he will look into writing a grant to the community foundation. The swing area seems to be the worst. It will probably be an expensive project. Matt said he can find the old RFP that he wrote for Fifth Street and send it out.

We are going to see how the trees by the corporation office look this spring and decide what if anything needs to be done then

The Heartland Marathon is scheduled for Folk Fest weekend.

Jill mentioned that there is a bench around the horseshoe pit that is in bad shape. It has sharp edges and needs to be looked at.

Old Town Lake

The doggie stations expenditures were removed. Two of them were delivered. A third one was delivered but came without a post. Tom called the company and they said we had to send that one back and they will send a new one. Once that one arrives, all 3 of them will be installed.

The restroom building is ok now. Someone stole the mirror off the wall in one of the bathrooms.

Jill finally heard from Emily about the invasive species report. Emily said they would like to set a tentative work day for some time in October.

Other News

Sue Fink came in to talk about the couple who has been camping at the park during the Christkindlmarkt. She said they have been camping there for as long as they have been vendors for the market. The couple has dogs they have to maintain which is their reasoning for camping close to their vending site. The said there is not sign stating that they cannot camp, but there is signage that sates the park hours are from 6 am to 11 pm. Neighbors to the park are concerned about camping. We agreed



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that will be have to say NO to all camping in the park. Sue will try to contact someone else to see where they can camp during this time.

Election of board officers commenced for 2023 and were confirmed as followed: President – Matthew Weyer, Vice President – Jill Schipp, Secretary – Natalie Howard, Mike Steffe – Board Member.

We have the new Kubota. One lawnmower is broke down. Tom plans on fixing it but we need to budget for a new one. We have \$18,000 in the park equipment fund. At the next council meeting, we need to surplus the old Kubota and lawnmower.

We will have our lease meeting in February. Mike will let everyone know. Seufert has invoiced us for the work done on the door locks.

Matt made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Natalie seconded and all were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:43^{PM} pm. The next meeting is February 8, 2023 at 4:30 pm.

Minutes submitted on 13 January 2023

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