



## PARKS MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

May 11, 2022

### Attendees

Matthew Weyer  
Jill Schipp  
Natalie Howard  
Tom Lueken

Ralph Lueken  
Sharon Bohenkemper  
Tammy Miller  
Jordan Lundy  
Catherine LeBlanc  
Dan LeBlanc

The meeting started at 4:30 pm. The meeting minutes were presented. Matt made a motion to approve the April meeting minutes, which Jill seconded. All were in favor. The finances were presented. Jill made a motion to approve the finances and Matt seconded. All were in favor.

### Park News

#### Fifth Street Park

Jill said she had pricing on the trees and they would be available to plant this fall. Tom wants to get the property flagged and soccer's approval before we designate where trees will be planted. We will revisit this in August.

We received a new controller for the scoreboard. It's at the park office. The new scoreboard is up at the Art Ruhe Field. Kristen Ruhe is going to design the sign and Hank will make it.

#### Old Town Lake

We have selected the brick and sheet metal color for the restroom building. HVAC is approved and Tom said he looked over the safety floor plan and it does include a storm shelter. Matt made a motion to approve pay app #1 for \$2,700, which Jill seconded and all were in favor.

Ralph Lueken spoke of his concern about the trail at the OTL. He said he would be happy to help with some improvements of the trail. He mentioned that a bird nesting platform could go on one of the utility poles that are still out there. He said that the kayak launch seemed to be missing something. We said we would check it out.



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It was suggested that we have a discussion with someone about treating the lake. Jill said she would reach out to Carrie Tauscher with the DNR to get contact for treating the lake.

The county trail plan was brought up and we have seen it. Each community was given possible projects. Forest Park High School is putting in sidewalks that may be able to minimize the distance from 18<sup>th</sup> Street Park to the Old Town Lake. Matt said the ultimate goal is to connect the parks.

### **Other News**

Jordan Lundy came to talk about the food truck ordinances. He has a new business called You Do Snow Cones that sell snow cones and lemonade shake-ups. He has been asked by Forest Park High School to have his truck at 18th street park on May 19 for their May Madness event. He would like a permit for that day and possibly get one year-round. They will provide a suitable trash can and clean up after themselves. Jordan said they do have a generator to use and are finalizing things through the board of health and will provide proof of insurance. Matt made a motion to approve this use for May 19, which Jill seconded. All were in favor.

### Dragons of the Realm

Catherine and Dan with Dragons of the Realm and Rosenvolk came to discuss the Dragons of the Realm event scheduled for May 14 from 10 am until the Masquerade ball ends & May 15, 10 am - 5 pm. This event is similar to Rosenvolk but is more kid-friendly with unicorn rides. The main attraction will be a 15x12 foot dragon puppet that will interact with the children. Chris James told them that overflow parking can take place at 5th street park. They will have a shuttle that will go back and forth from 18th street park to 5th street park. They do expect some workers to camp at the top of the hill at 18th street and will need a permit on those places for overnight stays. Matt informed them at we are no longer to hold the dates of their planned event without a deposit or COI. Dan said they would not be having fires. They are waiting for an email from the people in charge but feel like this probably will not happen.

They plan to have their own BBQ using homestead BBQ. he will be cooking against the fence.

Catherine was under the impression that everything was in order for the liquor license. Mark with John Paul the Great said he had the permit. Paul Peterson is bringing Mead from Michigan. They plan to serve mead and St. Benedict's beer. Catherine said she was told that everything was in order for the liquor license. We explained to Catherine that the park board need to vote on whether they can provide alcohol. She said they would serve alcohol from noon - 10 pm on Saturday and noon - 5 on Sunday. The board voted and all agreed to let alcohol be sold and they could proceed with submitting to the Ferdinand Police Chief and State Excise.

The board and the Rosenvolk group agreed to the following



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1. On Thursday May 12th and Monday May 16th, there are other park events going on. The ball fields / bleachers and horseshoe pits must remain open and most of the parking lot must be available for their use.

2. It was discussed that the horses would be on the grounds again in a contained area at the NW corner of the park. As in years past, if there is any damage to the grounds, the work to remediate will be invoiced to the lessee. Hopefully it won't be an issue with the weather but I wanted to clear.

### 3. Parking

- As in years' past, the parking along the public streets adjacent to the park as well as the community center must remain open.
- The fifth street parking lots are available, but at least half of the lot must remain open for use by someone leasing the shelter house at 5th Street Park on Saturday.

### 4. Camping

- Prior to the weekend, the board will need a list of the names and the quantity of tents/RVs that intend to stay on the grounds overnight. Each tent must have that permit to stay on the grounds. It was agreed that these should be kept to an absolute minimum for the security of vendors' materials. If this list is not provided, camping will not be permitted. The list should be passed onto the FPD.

### 5. Bonfires / Fire Pits / Open Fires

- There will be none of this at the fest.

6. Future dates will not be held without a signed lease and non-refundable deposit. The COI and all applicable paperwork must be submitted. Depending on the time of the month of the event, attendance at a park board meeting between 3-7 weeks in advance of the event is necessary.

The Town Council approved the Kubota and it has been ordered.

Storytime was moved to 18th street park.

Matt will mention the sprinkler issue at the next council meeting. The water needs to be tested.

Meeting adjourned at 6:17 pm. The next meeting will be June 8 at 4:30 pm.



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Minutes submitted on 6 June 2022

Natalie Howard

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Natalie Howard". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.