

PARKS MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES



November 10, 2021

Attendees:

Matthew Weyer
Natalie Howard
Jill Schipp
Tom Lueken

Lisa Gehlhausen

The meeting started at 4:31 pm.

We agreed to table any voting until the next meeting when all members would be present.

The meeting started by reading over the minutes from October. Matt made a motion to approve the minutes, Jill seconded. All were in favor. We read over the finances. Jill made a motion to approve the finances, Matt seconded. All were in favor.

DNR Site Visit

Jill has marked trees that need to be removed but a few at 18th street park. There were a few trees in a ditch that she couldn't mark. They are big ones. All trees by the trail are marked. There are 3 good sized trees on the other property line at 18th street park that are bad/dead. Who will pay for cutting down those trees? We need to talk to Ken Sicard.

Jill will go out to the Old Town Lake and mark those trees soon. There is one pear tree at 5th street park that needs to come down because it's invasive. Jill will send Tom a picture of it.

There are a couple of trees placed to the left of the drive near the boat ramp at the OTL she says will die as they have no dirt to grow into.

Do we want to come up with some kind of tree obituary that we can place on the trees so people know why trees are coming down. We need to get Tom to start on them. Jill will get with Tom.

Lisa Gehlhausen

Lisa gave us the survey results that they did for the Park and Recreation Survey. We also went over our previous master plan and realized that we have completed quite a few of them.



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5th street park - We have renovated/added onto shelter house restrooms, are in the process of upgrading the scoreboard to LED, resurfaced the playground; at 18th street park we have the toddler playground and LED track; at the OTL we have renovated the building.

The Land and Water Conservation Fund grant is due June 1, 2022. Results will be awarded in September.

Next Level Trails is a big program through the government that we could get involved with but it has more standards to follow.

We want to connect the Old Town Lake to the high school and other parks. We have to submit the draft to the DNR by January 15.

We are doing well staggering our projects. Our master plan is consistent or comparable with other towns. When making improvements, accessibility is important. Tom is good with that.

Lisa presented a resolution that we will follow accessibility guidelines. We will look at it and have it ready at the next meeting.

Fifth Street Park

Field work for the four baseball/softball fields is nearly complete. Mike said we need to water the sod but the sprinklers are turned off. Matt will check with Tom. We need to follow up with Tom on the concession door and the netting.

Also need to decide on a scoreboard. We have 3 options; 1st = \$4,288.00, option 2 includes a digital ribbon message center and would cost around \$17,000 for a small one, option 3 could have times and ad area. Möbel Foundation donated \$3,000 towards a scoreboard. We need to talk to the boys league to see what they want. Maybe put Art Ruhe Memorial Field on the scoreboard. We think we have a digital controller so that would save us \$286. We will table the decision until next month's meeting.

Mike talked to Jared Kerber about trees at the soccer field.

Old Town Lake

The water level isn't up to where it needs to be yet. We need some rain.

The entrance signage project—being constructed by Eagle Scout candidate Miles Welp—has started and is anticipated to be completed by the end of the year.

Jill spoke to Jackie Doem about the plan to install a flag pole for the Old Town Lake in memory of Marvin 'Baldy' Weyer. The cost will exceed the donation but the park board decided to cover the additional cost. A light will be installed. Jill is working with H & R Aluminum on pricing. Matt presented two options on the pole placement.

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Matt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:30; Mike seconded. All were in favor.

Minutes submitted on 29 November 2021

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