

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 21ST, 2019

The meeting of the Parks & Recreation Committee was called to order at 7:00 PM on May 21st, 2019 at the Youth Club.

Members Present: Kevin Schmidt, Ann Kirchman, Paula Weise and Sara Olejniczak.

Members Excused: Mitch Groessl.

Committee wanted to thank Abigail Robertson for her service on the Parks Committee.

Also Present: Sara Robertson, Justin Massey, Wendell Wilke and Lee Erikson

Moved by Weise, second by Olejniczak to approve agenda.

Moved by Olejniczak, second by Weise to approve April minutes.

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Public Comment: Justin Massey, from the Boys Little League, discussed the need for a larger storage facility at Peterson Park to accommodate the Boys Little League, Girls Little League and the Park Department supplies. Massey informed the Committee that there are funds and volunteers to start this project this fall.

Old Business:

- Rentals: Youth Club-4, Knudson Hall:- 2 and Parks- 1
- Robertson informed the Committee that the Council approved a lease agreement with Don Chic to run a kayak outfit out of the shed at Olson Park. His business will launch in June.
- Tracy Steiner from the American Legion was not able to get the plans for the memorial at Legion Park in time for Memorial Day, She would like to know if she can proceed with fundraising and when the design is done, return to the committee for approval and recommendation for Council.

Cemetery Supervisor Report: Wendell Wilke

- Cemetery Crew has been doing general maintenance. They did patch a leak in the chapel roof.
- Robertson will price out replacing indoor/outdoor carpeting for entrance to the chapel.

Parks Supervisor Report: Sara Robertson

- Programming Update:
 - Summer Flower Planting Class will be May 29th.
 - Colored Pencil Art Class for Teens will be held this summer at the Youth Club. It will run for 6 weeks from June 19th-July 24th.
 - Summer Park Program will begin July 1 and run to August 8th. Park will be closed on July 4th. Will continue to have free lunch for youth under 18.
 - Art on the Wild Side will be at Perry Field from July 1st-July 5th.

- T-ball for 5 & 6 year olds will be held for 6 weeks from June 19th to July 24th.
- Super Swim Week at the YMCA for children 5-10 yrs old will be August 12th-August 15th
- Parks Update:
 - We would like to thank Tristan Copet for his Eagle Scout project at Olson Park. He constructed two park benches.
 - Friends of the Algoma Library would like to put a small memorial statue in the bird bistro flower bed at the library in honor of a Friends member who passed.
 - Robertson reported to the committee the issue of dog waste not being picked up in the parks, especially the pocket park on Steele Street. Robertson will speak to Chief Remiker about some solutions.
- Crescent Beach Update:
 - Stantec, Friends of Crescent Beach and volunteers planted more beach grass near the Chamber Building. Hoping to help the erosion issue from developing further. Will do another planting session this fall.

New Business:

- Committee discussed fundraising options and projects to replace the pavilion in front of the Youth Club when we do the beach redesign later this year.
- Committee had further discussion about the storage shed at Peterson Park. Parks Department will make a contribution to the project with the donation account,
- Robertson informed the committee about an adjustment to the Christmas Tree Point Estimate. There was a need to plant sod instead of grass seed so that the grass has a better chance of growth and to avoid a muddy mess. Screened soil also was added. Motion made by Kirchman, second by Olejniczak to add funds from the donation account, not to exceed \$2,000.00 to cover the adjustment.
- Committee talked about the need to have a additional help this fall in the parks after the summer workers have gone back to school. Robertson will continue to post the position opening to see if we can get a candidate that can work beyond the summer months.

Next Meeting Date:

- Tuesday, June 18th at 7:00 pm at the Youth Club.

Motion by Weise, second by Olejniczak to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.