APPROVED

Park and Vacant Land Committee Draft Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, March 6, 2023
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Location: 2800 Ward Ave, La Crosse, WI 54601
Present: Chairperson Renee Knutson; Committee Members, Monica Redmond, Jeffrey Butler, and Jean Wiggert; Administrator Christina Peterson.
Excused: Committee Members Josh Blum and Brad Reinhart
Attendance List: Tim Candahl

1. Meeting called to order by Chairperson Knutson at 5:30 p.m.
2. Approve Minutes from 1/9/2023. Correction made to #4(i) and #5. Motion by Butler to approve minutes from 1/9/2023, second by Redmond. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Citizen’s Concerns. Tim Candahl was present and spoke on behalf of a couple of residents from Wedgewood Valley who propose to add a basketball court and ice-skating rink in Wedgewood Valley Park. They are willing to contribute funds for the project. It was noted that the Town had ice rinks in the past by Drive-In Road and Stry Foundation. Knutson asked that a plan with dimensions and location be brought to a future meeting. Peterson asked that a project proposal sheet be filled out to document the scope of the project and funding sources. Butler suggested that maybe this and other neighborhoods would like to form a group to coordinate with the town for project ideas.
4. Project Priorities List Updates. Knutson gave an update including:
   a. Bench for Mormon Coulee Park is ordered.
   b. Cost estimate for running electricity to Smyth Park Shelter is $5,322 for Vernon Electric and roughly $5000 for Kish Electric to hook up. Vernon Electric does not give the first 300ft free like Excel Energy does. An easement will be needed from the Tomesh property.
   c. No estimate yet for Pammel Creek Park Shelter. Peterson suggested asking Padesky Electric for quotes.
   d. Nolop Estates Park playground equipment. Terry has called for quotes on both sandblasting/epoxy and powder coating. Knutson suggests postponing the work until fall.
   e. Disc Golf. Knutson showed photos of course map and hole sign. Ready to order but can wait to see if the Town logo will be updated in the next month or so.
5. Park Meeting Frequency. Consensus was to keep meetings monthly and cancel if there are no agenda items.
6. Review Bench & Tree Donation Brochures. Knutson shared three options she developed. The committee thought they were all great.
7. Private Property Signage. Four options were discussed. Option #1 “No Trespassing Not a Public Hiking Trail” was favored with the addition of “beyond this point”.
8. Garbage Can Styles and Pricing. Knutson suggested sticking with the metal slat style which comes in several options around $1,000. She was going to check with Terry Wright to select the one that is most practical for Public Works.
9. Reports.
   a. Peterson updated the committee on progress with the GIS system. She introduced Cole Remak, the current GIS intern. Peterson said park rental reservations have started up for the year.
b. Knutson asked that the map for shelter rentals be updated to better show the location of shelters. She also noted she had a few suggested changes for the park shelter rental form. Again, mentioned the idea to place flyers or QR code on the shelters.

10. **Adjournment.** Motion by Redmond, second by Butler to adjourn Parks and Vacant Land Committee Meeting at 6:45 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Next regular meeting will take place Monday, April 3rd, 2023 @ 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Christina Peterson, Town Administrator