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APPROVED

Park and Vacant Land Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, August 2, 2021

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Location: 2800 Ward Ave, La Crosse, WI 54601

Town Officials Present: Supervisor Marlene Heal, Supervisor Tim Ehler, Supervisor Renee Knutson, Jean Wiggert, Jeffrey Butler, Public Works Supervisor Terry Wright, Town Administrator Christina Peterson, and Clerk Fortune Weaver.

Town Officials Excused: Josh Blum

Attendance List: Wyatt (Boy Scout), Angela and Jason Moe.

1. Meeting called to order by Ehler at 5:30p.m.
2. Introductions of Committee.
3. Boy Scout Project- Wyatt Moe. Wyatt Moe presented plan for the Little Free Library at Mormon Coulee Park. Hand out provided including the diagram of the project and a list of materials. Fundraising options being explored, will be solidified in the future. Knutson did note that there was a misunderstanding on the location of the Little Free Library. Wright noted that the left side of the bridge would work best so that it does not interrupt disc golf traffic or drainage flow. Next Spring would be the desired completion date. Ehler noted that the Town would assist in contacting potential donors. Wright noted the dimensions for a concrete slab for a bench near the Little Free Library. Knutson noted that the Digger's Hotline is clear, and we will do another review before work starts so that bench, tree, and Library are spaced out properly. Ehler noted the cost should reflect registering the Little Free Library with the Little Free Library Organization. Motion by Butler to approve Scout Project by Wyatt Moe, second by Heal. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Minutes from 6/7/2021. Motion by Heal to approve minutes from 6/7/2021, second by Ehler. Motion carried unanimously. Butler abstained, not in attendance at the last meeting.
5. Minutes from 7/19/2021. Motion by Heal to approve minutes from 7/19/2021, second by Ehler. Motion carried unanimously. Butler abstained, not in attendance at the last meeting.
6. New Committee Member- Jeffrey Butler. Butler introduced himself. Noted his background and interest in the Parks and Vacant Land Committee.
7. Citizens' Concerns. None.
8. 11-360-0 and 11-358-0 (Nelson). Ehler gave history of the Nelson parcels. Noted the benefits of having that land including having control of who has access to the property and can ensure that it allows for trails that already exist in Shelby to connect. Peterson noted that we will be seeking an appraisal. Motion by Butler, second by Heal to move forward with letting the Town Board pursue purchase. Motion carried unanimously.
9. MOU with Outdoor Recreation Alliance (ORA). Peterson highlighted the Memorandum of Understanding received. Committee would need to recommend Town Board approval. Butler and Ehler noted that an attorney should review it. Ehler suggested an additional meeting with ORA to get some clarification on their vision. Knutson noted having more

visual aids with the parcel would assist this committee in having a clear understanding before making decisions about trails/lands/properties. Peterson noted resources available for members to explore until we have something more tangible. Next agenda will include Discussion on Long-term Planning for Trails (will help with the Comprehensive Plan as well). Ehler also noted that ORA would do a cleanup of graffiti at Hedgehog in exchange for a free lunch. No action currently.

10. Administrator Report.

- a. Peterson noted National Night Out is tomorrow night.
- b. Shelby is co-sponsoring it with La Crosse County. All are invited.
- c. Vacancy remains on this committee, will be advertised along with the Sanitary District opening in the newsletter.
- d. Blufflands coalition meetings clarified for the committee.
- e. Next meeting on September 13th, 2021, at 5:30 p.m.
- f. Peterson noted we can investigate smaller bench options for Free Little Library. Single seat options from Gerber Leisure committee will be informed of options by Clerk.

11. Committee Member Reports.

- a. Discussion on potential for redoing tennis courts and adding pickleball courts.
- b. Heal discussed the book composed by Knutson. Discussion on what exists within the Town Parks. Clarification on private parks/recreation areas v. Shelby Parks.
- c. Discussion on projects that need to be built into the budget for 2022.

12. Public Works Report

- a. Playground equipment project complete.
- b. Bench for Mormon Coulee Park will arrive the week of the 13th.
- c. Other Boy Scout Project in Battlestone Station not completed yet.
- d. National Night Out setup fully taken care of.

13. Adjournment. Motion by Heal, second by Wiggert to adjourn at 6:58 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted, Fortune M. Weaver