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APPROVED

Park and Vacant Land Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, September 13, 2021

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Location: 2800 Ward Ave, La Crosse, WI 54601

Commissioners Present: Supervisor Tim Ehler, Supervisor Renee Knutson, Jeffrey Butler, Josh Blum, Meredith Tomesh, Public Works Supervisor Terry Wright, Town Administrator Christina Peterson, and Clerk Fortune Weaver.

Commissioners Excused: Brad Reinhart, Jean Wiggert, Monica Redmond

Attendance List: Misty Piro (4005 Starlite Dr).

1. Meeting called to order by Ehler at 5:34p.m.
2. Minutes from 8/2/2021. Knutson and Butler mentioned change to the minutes. Motion by Knutson to approve minutes from 8/2/2021, second by Butler. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Citizens' Concerns. Misty Piro stated the park on the corner of Drive-In Road and Pammel Creek Road. Requests tennis court be converted into pickle ball court or at the very least have the boundaries painted on the court so that they can play pickleball. Believes that it would get a lot more traffic and use if it was accessible for both tennis and pickleball. Ehler noted that we will investigate it and see what the Town can do. Discussion on options available for pickleball. Wright will get the dimensions of tennis courts for Ehler to get estimates for potential projects.
4. New Committee Members- Brad Reinhart and Meredith Tomesh. (Reinhart not in attendance) Tomesh introduced herself, noted that she is an avid user of the parks, would like to be more informed as a resident and would like to help inform residents around her about the parks and things going on in Shelby.
5. Introduction of Commissioners and Staff.
6. Update on Nelson Parcels (11-360-0 and 11-358-0). Ehler gave background information on the Nelson parcels. No action taken.
7. Discussion on Long-Term Planning for Trails. Peterson and Ehler discussed previously discussed partnerships for trails. To be discussed further later. No action taken.
8. Administrator Report.
 - a. Peterson noted lease for ball fields is being redone. Currently windscreens are being questioned due to no advertising allowed from our lease. More information on that coming later.
 - b. Wright asked about the shelter being reserved. Peterson noted that may be "subleasing" and would need to be investigated.
9. Public Works Report
 - a. Wright noted trees are being planted in parks, mostly replacing trees that died or were diseased (emerald ash borer).
10. Committee Member Reports.

- a. Knutson noted email received from resident who wanted to see some updates in the park on County Road F and Nolop. The Park is outdated and because of this, the kids in the neighborhood tend not to use the park.
 - b. Knutson would like to see action items on each agenda. For the next meeting check out the parks on F and Nolop and Nolop Estates. Having a park or two to review and visit would allow for better guided discussion. Renee will send out the list of all parks after the meeting.
 - c. Ehler clarified location of the park the resident has concerns about.
 - d. Butler noted Basketball net in Redwood Court Park needs replacing. **EDIT replaced
 - e. Knutson requested contact information for the person interested in donating benches.
 - f. Clerk is inquiring about smaller bench sizes from Gerber Leisure and potentially other companies as well. Peterson noted other companies in the area that can be checked.
 - g. Ehler noted sources for funding for projects that we can explore to complete projects that were not originally budgeted for.
 - h. Discussion on Little Free Libraries.
11. Adjournment. Motion by Butler, second by Knutson to adjourn at 6:16 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted, Fortune M. Weaver