

Town of Grand Chute
Park Commission
Monday, December 14, 2015
Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Joan Haag, Joy Hagen, John Jones, Kathryn Pennings, Karen Petersen, Mike Schmidt, Supervisor Thyssen, Donna Van Buecken

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Mike Arft, Tom Marquardt, Mike Patza, Lisa Mroczkowski

Chairperson Petersen called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

Motion by Commissioner Haag, seconded by Commissioner Pennings to approve minutes from the November 9, 2015 meetings.

Vote on Motion (5/0/1-Hagen)

APPEARANCES

-NONE-

ACTION ITEMS

1. Grant Funding discussion

Mike Patza stated he met with East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission about the grant funding for the mall pedestrian trail. He stated the DOT is strict about the requirements for the grant funding and this project would not qualify.

2. County RD A Trail Grant Funding

Mike Patza stated this project would qualify for DOT grand funding. He said the town is looking at Bike/Pedestrian trail through the new Forestview Estates from Grand Chute Boulevard to Bubholz Nature Center. He stated he also met with Andy from Outagamie County and Andy said he was not opposed to looking at a trail to cross CTH A in the future as that area grows in development. He said he will start working on the Transportation Alternative Program Grant application and hopes to have it done by the end of month. He stated they announce the recipients sometime in July.

Commissioner Hagen stated she appreciates the effort the town is putting forth to connect to the Appleton Bike Plan.

Mike stated we are not awarded the money through this TAP grant the town will look at funding through the 2017 budget.

Motion by Commissioner Van Buecken to instruct staff to partner with the Fox Cities Visitor Bureau to find alternative funding for the mall bike/ped trail, seconded by Commissioner Hagen.

Vote on Motion. (7/0)

Motion by Commissioner Van Buecken to instruct staff to research and present to the Wis DOT an overpass connection for the Wisconsin Avenue to College Avenue Corridor starting on the east side of US Interstate 41 to the Fox River Mall, seconded by Commissioner Haag.

Vote on Motion. (7/0)

3. Fox River Mall Bike/Ped trail

Previously discussed.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Review the Parks and Recreation Municipal Code.

Motion to table by Commissioner Schmidt, seconded by Commissioner Pennings.

Vote on Motion. (7/0)

2. Naming of new park on Maple Edge Ct.

Commissioner Jones stated he sent a notice to all the neighbors asking for feedback on naming of the park and only received one back.

Commissioner Van Buecken stated she like Maple Edge Park.

Motion by Commissioner Haag to recommend to the Town Board that the name for the new park on Maple Edge Ct to be Maple Edge Park, seconded by Commissioner Van Buecken.

Vote on Motion. (7/0)

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

i. Park Maintenance Report

- New furnace at Lions Park
- Working on Arrowhead Boardwalk
- Repairing picnic tables
- New gate at CB/Mayflower trail is installed
- New playground equipment is installed at Maple Edge Park
- Carterwoods Park had water in the basement

ii. Director's Memo

See Director Memo (Attached)

iii. Greenways Report

Commissioner Hagen stated there was a meeting in November. Discussed the mini-funding grant project. She stated there was \$5,000 not spent in 2015. She stated the county is looking at how to implement a Pedestrian/Bike trail on CTH ZZ. She stated currently the county does not have a Ped/bike policy and will be looking at developing one.

She further stated the Outagamie County Flood Plain Plan was approved. She stated the area decreased.

iv. Town Board Liaison Report

Supervisor Thyssen stated he walked the entire sidewalk of White Hawk and was very impressed and wanted to say a job well done.

v. President's Report

President Peterson stated she took out paper to run for Town Board Supervisor.

vi. Correspondence Report

George Hobbin at FVTC said they will not be clearing the asphalt trail in front of the college. He stated there is another sidewalk path that will be available for foot traffic.

vii. Bike and Pedestrian Trail Update

Commission would like to see a link on the website showing the trails in the town.

Motion by Commissioner Schmidt to allow staff to apply for funding opportunities available that would be in the best interest and benefit the development of parks, the recreation program and Bike/Pedestrian trails, seconded by Commissioner Haag.

Vote on Motion. (7/0)

Motion by Commissioner Van Buecken to draft a Resolution of support for TAP funding to present to the Town Board, seconded by Commissioner Haag.

Vote on Motion. (7/0)

viii. Lecker Park Trails

Nothing

Commissioner Haag motioned to adjourn meeting, seconded by Commissioner Hagen. Meeting was adjourned at 6:02 PM.

Vote on Motion. (7/0)